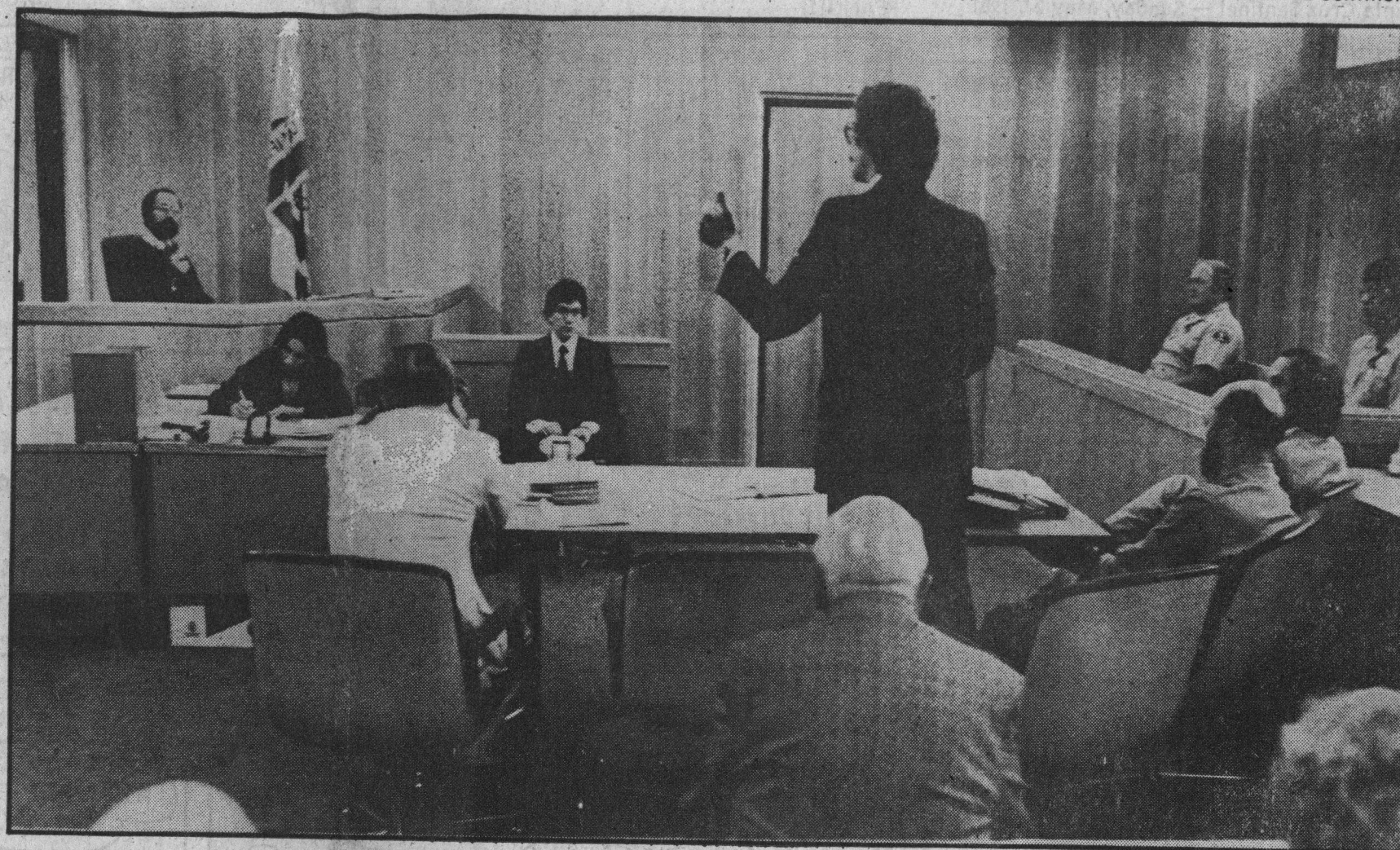
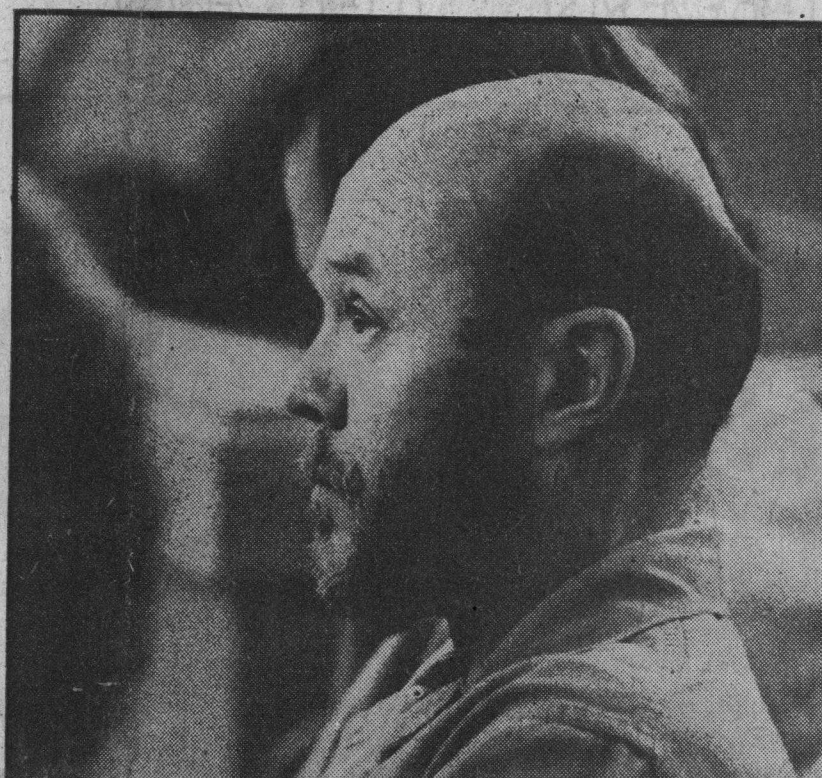
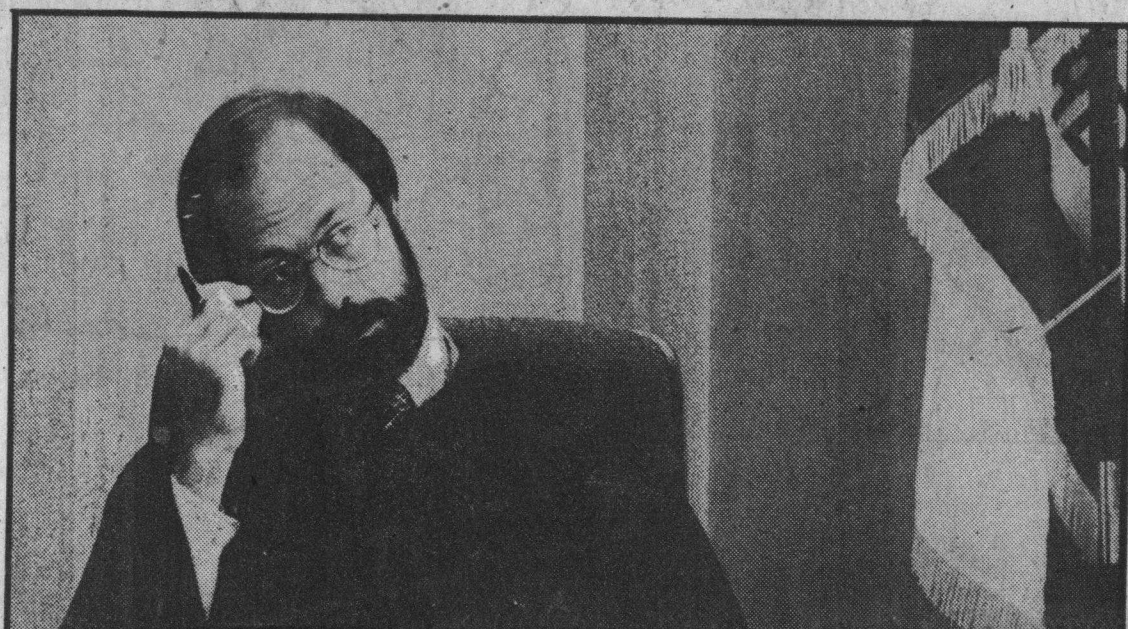




David Joseph Carpenter enters courtroom Friday.



During the hastily-called hearing, public defender Jerry Christensen, standing, asks Judge Richard McAdams to issue a gag order.



Courtroom Drama In Black And White

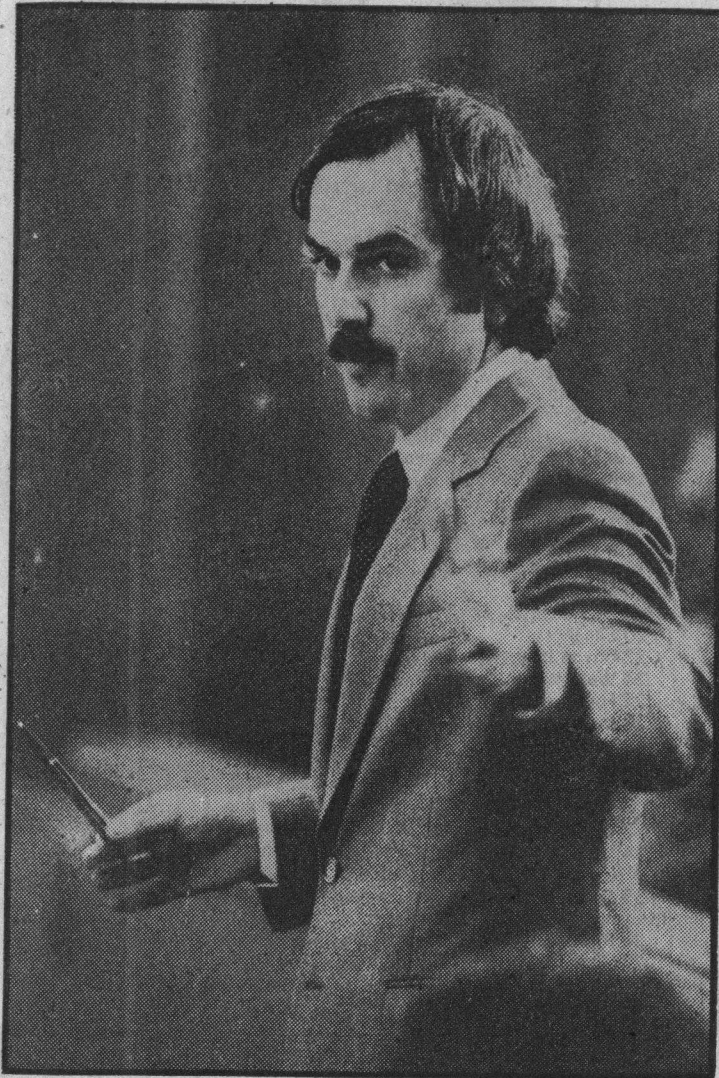
Court hearings in the David Joseph Carpenter murder case are being recorded on film, marking the first time a major court case in Santa Cruz County has been so documented.

Cameras have been allowed in court only since a recent Supreme Court ruling which gave local courts the prerogative to permit courtroom pictures. Friday, Sentinel Photographer Dan Coyro was in court for the latest Carpenter hearing, and found himself and other photographers a topic of discussion when defense attorneys Larry Biggam and Jerry Christensen asked Judge Richard McAdams to bar photographers from future hearings. The judge refused, saying he believes photographs take the mystery out of court proceedings.

Carpenter remained quiet during the entire proceedings


Judge McAdams issues the gag order, but refuses to bar photographers.

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Public defender Larry Biggam points toward cameramen while requesting that they leave court.

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