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## Davis Trial Readied

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 23 (UPI)—The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has approved the purchase of metal detectors and other security devices for the trial of black militant Angela Davis.

The board approved \$544,000 for construction work, equipment and staff for the trial, scheduled to start Jan. 31.

Miss Davis is charged with murder and conspiracy stemming from the shooting at the Marin County Civic Center last year that took four lives, including that of a judge.

In San Francisco, defense attorneys, asserting that Miss Davis is sick and may require

surgery, asked the federal courts to order her released on bail.

Chief defense counsel Howard Moore Jr. filed in U.S. District Court for a writ of habeas corpus, contending the failure of the California courts to release Miss Davis on bail was "arbitrary and discriminatory."

He quoted doctors as saying that she is suffering from a condition which "will necessitate surgery" if it deteriorates for three more weeks.

Judge William T. Sweigert set the bail matter for hearing Jan. 12 and gave the state until Jan. 3 to file an answer.