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The Garbage

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San Quentin Prison personnel were forced to dig through mounds of stale garbage for two days last week after someone inadvertently threw away clothing worn by officers and inmates killed in the August 21 incident at the prison.

The clothing, which could become vital evidence, was finally recovered from beneath heaps of garbage, dirt fill and more garbage.

Although prison officials refused to confirm the error, it was learned that the clothing was taken to the west Contra Costa county garbage dump in San Pablo in a regular trash run August 23.

As a result, some prison employees were forced to sift through dirt fill and more garbage that had been heaped upon the vital clothing since it was dumped. They searched through the garbage on Thursday and Friday of last week until they found the clothing and returned it to San Quentin.