

Deputies for Soledad Trial

The newest judge in the trial of two convicts accused of killing a Soledad Prison guard has invoked an old but seldom used section of the State Government Code and ordered 16 extra sheriff's deputies assigned to the maximum security courtroom.

The 16 extra deputies, four of them women, are necessary to insure an orderly

trial, said Superior Court Judge S. Lee Vavuris, the fifth judge assigned to the trial. It is finally scheduled to get underway Wednesday.

Three bailiffs had already been assigned to the special courtroom which features a bulletproof screen that separates spectators from the defendants and court officials.

The original three and the 16 extra deputies will be as-

signed to the trial of Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette "on a direct order of the judge," said Undersheriff Frank Smith yesterday.

Smith said the extra 16 deputies — who will be on duty inside the courtroom, in the hall outside and in the judge's chambers — will cost a minimum of \$15,633 per month and a maximum of \$18,957.