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Caldwell Returns To Angela Trial

Press credentials allowing him to continue covering the Angela Davis trial were returned yesterday to reporter Earl Caldwell of the New York Times, arrested Monday in San Jose on a charge of suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Lieutenant Don Tamm, press liaison officer for the Santa Clara county sheriff's department, said the credentials were returned "because we thought it the proper thing to do."

Caldwell was arrested while going through a routine security check before entering the courtroom when a deputy opened a 35mm film canister and found what he said was a

vegetable substance resembling marijuana.

The contents of the small canister are now undergoing laboratory analysis. A report on the findings will be given to the sheriff's department later this week.

Caldwell, acting on the advice of his attorney, declined to comment on the incident. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the felony charge on March 20.

The nationally-known black newsman is awaiting a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in a case involving a reporter's right to protect news sources. He had refused to testify before a grand jury regarding interviews he had conducted with members of the Black Panther Party.