

## Soledad Trial Bills

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The bills already exceed \$280,000 for the Soledad Brothers murder trial.

And some odds and ends remain to be toted up for the most heavily guarded trial in The City's criminal court history.

Already the bill of \$130,390.62 for police security has been sent on to Monterey County. Others are to follow.

The trial costs -- including more than \$34,000 for transportation by National Guard helicopter of the two defendants between the Hall of Justice and San Quentin prison -- are billed first to

Monterey County.

If that county's Board of Supervisors approves, then the bill will be sent on to the State of California -- Soledad is its property.

And, even if Monterey County should approve it all, the state could dispute some portions.

The second largest portion of the bill, yet to be forwarded, is around \$66,000 for the cost of sheriff's department security.

Monterey County also will be asked to pay for the county's portion of the salaries for the judge and the reporters.