

Witness Tells of Seeing Miss Davis With Jackson

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The seventh week of testimony in the trial of Angela Davis began today with a former San Quentin convict testifying that the defendant visited the prison with Jonathan Jackson the day before an escape attempt by three convicts aided by the Jackson youth at the Marin County Courthouse.

The witness, Louis F. May, said that Miss Davis did not enter the prison but that she came to the gate with a man that he said he recognized as Jonathan Jackson.

May, who is now on parole, said that Jackson had entered the prison alone. He said he had seen him leaving and then later drive away in a yellow van.

He testified that Miss Davis was with Jackson in the front seat and that the two were talking "quite loud." He said it appeared that they were having an argument.

The testimony of May—the 83d witness called by the state—was the prosecution's latest effort to show that in the days preceding the raid on Judge Harold Haley's courtroom Miss



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Michael E. Vonada, Marin County fireman, testified he saw Angela Davis smoking cigar near civic center one day before shootout.

Davis spent virtually all her time with Jonathan Jackson.

In her trial here, where she is charged with murder, kidnapping and criminal conspiracy, the state contends that Miss Davis helped plot the

courthouse raid not simply to free three convicts but to take hostages who would be used later to demand the freedom of George Jackson and two other black convicts. The three were known as the Soledad Brothers and were then confined to San Quentin.

Miss Davis is a black former philosophy instructor at the University of California, Los Angeles, who is an avowed Communist.

The escape attempt of Aug. 7, 1970, was touched off, the authorities said, when Jonathan Jackson smuggled guns that were registered to Miss Davis into the courtroom. It ended a short time later in a parking lot outside with two convicts, Jackson and Judge Haley being killed when shooting erupted as the abductors attempted to make their getaway in a yellow van similar to the one Miss Davis was seen in with Jackson the day before.

In testimony earlier today, a Marin County fireman—Michael E. Vonada—said that he saw Miss Davis at a service station with Jonathan Jackson on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 6.

He said that he remembered her because she was smoking a cigar at the time.

Another witness for the prosecution, Jack P. Schotte, a

guard at San Quentin Prison, testified that Jonathan Jackson visited his brother, George, at San Quentin just before noon the day before the Marin County incident.

But of all the witnesses appearing today, May's testimony was the most significant in that it not only showed that Miss Davis was with Jonathan Jackson but also that they visited the prison together.

May said that he saw them because he was at the visitors' gate when they arrived. He said that he had worked at the gate, taking visitors from one entrance to another.

Cross-examination of May by Howard Moore Jr., defense attorney, was delayed until tomorrow. However, it was established that he was serving a sentence of one year to life on Aug. 6, 1970. He said that he had pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary and that he had also been convicted twice after arrests on morals charges.