

Magee Spits on Lawyer Again

In yet another Superior Court session during which Ruchell Magee was ejected by the judge after spitting on his lawyer, the accused killer was told he cannot act as his own counsel.

Judge Morton R. Colvin did rule, however, that Magee is entitled to a court hearing on the matter. The hearing would be over the question as to whether Magee is sufficiently competent to participate in his own defense. The hearing was scheduled for September 2.

AGAIN

At that point, Magee exploded, shouting at Judge Colvin he was "not going to be a party to any b-----like that."

He then turned and spat on lawyer Robert Carrow,

who is his court-appointed attorney. It was the third time he had done this since his murder trial was transferred from Marin county to San Francisco.

And for the 13th time in the Hall of Justice courtroom, Magee was ordered removed to an adjoining holding cell. The proceedings continued with the courtroom conversation being broadcast into the cell.

Judge Colvin commented that Magee has flooded the court with 50 motions relating to his case, most of which could have been filed well over a year ago.

Yesterday was his 41st court appearance.

DEATHS

Magee is accused of murder in connection with the

Marin Civic Center gun battle, August 7, 1970, in which four persons died during an aborted escape attempt by Magee and two other convicts.

"There must come a time when pre-trial motions come to an end and the court must go about its business of conducting a trial," Judge Colvin said.

He also ruled that the attorney-client interview rooms at San Quentin are adequate facilities in which there is no possibility of guards overhearing confidential conversations, and that Magee is subject to being shackled even while consulting with his attorney if San Quentin authorities deem it necessary for prison security.