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Another Ejection For Magee

Ruchell Magee lost his renewed bid to act as his own co-counsel today — and in a matter of minutes was removed from the courtroom.

It was a familiar scenario in his pre-trial hearings on murder charges that grew out of his alleged role in the Marin County Courthouse shootout of August 1970.

Magee has walked out or been ejected from the court at every hearing over the past several weeks.

Today's removal came after Superior Judge Morton Colvin re-affirmed previous rulings that the San Quentin convict was not competent to assist in his own defense as an attorney.

Magee complained that the court had abused its discretion and, as he continued to interrupt proceedings, Colvin ordered two bailiffs to remove him to a holding cell where he can hear the proceedings but cannot participate.