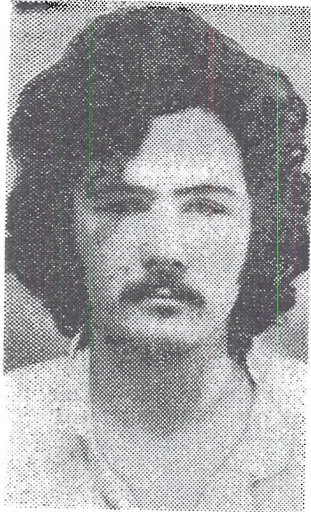


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Suspect in socks

## Ellsberg Case Dispute On Clothing

Sartorial and constitutional issues delayed scheduled court action yesterday against the 21-year-old Mill Valley man who is accused of stealing papers and other matter from the home of Daniel Ellsberg.

Kevin Quinn was escorted into the Marin Municipal Court of Judge Gary Thomas to plead to the charge but his attorney, Carl Shapiro, objected to Quinn's garb of baggy white jail overalls and stocking feet.

"The court must protect the demeanor of a man who is presumed innocent," Shapiro said sharply.

Shapiro noted that Thomas has ruled in the past that defendants due in court for trial must be dressed "appropriately" and asked him to extend his ruling to pre-trial appearances.

Thomas asked Sheriff Louis Mountanos to appear in court at 1:30 p.m. today to explain his policy on defendants' clothing.

"I've wanted to raise this issue for a long time," Shapiro said outside of court. He said there was national attention on the theft of documents from a key figure in the Pentagon Papers case and now was a good opportunity to make his point.

Quinn will be present at the hearing today in standard jail garb, Sheriff Mountanos said. He defended the clothing policy as "non-discriminatory" since all defendants appear dressed alike.

He was arrested, Mill Valley police said, on December 4 in connection with another burglary. Police said he was wearing Ellsberg's stolen after-ski boots at the time.

The U.S. government contends that the documents burgled from Ellsberg's home are top secret. Ellsberg contends they may be stamped top secret but really aren't, and that they belong to him. The papers are in the possession of Mill Valley police chief William Walsh.

Quinn, who attended grammar school in Mill Valley and graduated from high school there two years ago, has been in and out of scrapes with Marin county authorities since he was a juvenile.

He was released from the Marin county jail last August after serving a sentence for petty theft, a misdemeanor. He had been charged with petty theft by a convicted felon.

The felony charge stemmed from his arrest two years ago on suspicion of burglary, possession of marijuana, and possession of stolen property.

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