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Nevada Isolates 'Q' Killing Witness

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 CARSON CITY — Allen Mancino, star witness against the 26 other San Quentin convicts suspected of murdering three guards and two prisoners in the August 21st. adjustment center blood-bath, might just as well be on the moon insofar

as contact with this world is concerned.

"He is totally and utterly unavailable," said Warden Carl Hocker of the Nevada State Prison, whose guest he is for the moment.

Mancino was secretly transported to Nevada last

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 Friday to save his life from almost certain assassination attempts in the California prison system.

The convict, who has indicated his willingness to cooperate with the Marin County authorities, is not in the regular prison population or

even momentarily in contact with other prisoners at this grim, hundred year old prison.

He is being held in a specially-constructed cell, detached from the older quarters, and no one sees him, serves him his food, exercises supervision over him except Warden Hocker and certain specially designated employes.

"These conditions will prevail until California needs him," said Hocker yesterday. "We don't have revolutionaries here and we don't plan to accommodate such activities on our reservation.

"If there are political activists they keep pretty quiet about it and that's all right with me . . . just as long as they keep it a total secret and do their time decently."

Hocker clearly means what he says. A former captain at San Quentin, he is a calm, serene, unflappable man who has built a reputation for no-nonsense prison management.