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## Angela Is 'A Model Prisoner'

Angela Davis was described in San Jose yesterday as a "model prisoner" who is so little an escape risk that she is being taken on walks outside the secured areas of the Santa Clara County Jail facility in Palo Alto.

The assessment of Miss Davis, who is awaiting trial on charges of murder, kidnap and conspiracy growing out of the August, 1970, Marin County Civic Center gun battle, was given by Sheriff James Geary at an afternoon press conference in the Antioch Baptist Church.

The meeting was called by a large number of organizations expressing concern that Miss Davis could not receive a fair trial in Santa Clara county. They cited particularly the publicity focuses on the \$750,000 spent on security measures both at the Santa Clara County Jail and around the courtroom in which she is to be tried.

The tiny courtroom with its 59 seats, 30 of which have been allocated to the press, will be used for the first time in this case Monday when a series of motions filed by Miss Davis' attorneys will be argued before Superior Court Judge Richard Arnason. All security measures will be in effect for the hearings, which may go on for two weeks.

Sheriff Geary reiterated his opinion yesterday that Miss Davis should be at liberty on bail.

"On the basis of the evidence I have seen," he said, "and on my personal knowledge of the case . . . I do not know why she is not free on bail."

Geary said he believed Miss Davis could be accorded a fair trial in San Jose.