

A Typical Day for Ruchell

It was a typically eventful day yesterday in the San Francisco pre-trial hearing for Ruchell Magee, accused of murder in the Marin county courthouse escape try two years ago.

Magee, 29, stormed angrily from the Hall of Justice courtroom into a holding cell on three occasions, was ordered in there on a fourth and spat at his attorney twice.

During all this, Superior Court Judge Morton R. Col-

vin found time to rule that Magee is sane and able to stand trial for murder.

"There is no doubt as to the present sanity of Mr. Magee as it relates to the penal code," Colvin said. He based his opinion on reports by two psychiatrists.

One of the several motions dealt with by Colvin during the day was a defense request that Magee be transferred from San Quentin to San Francisco for his trial. He is now transported by

helicopter both ways each day.

Attorney Robert Carrow said the prison's interview room facilities are grossly inadequate and interfere with his ability to present the case for the defense.

But spokesmen for the San Francisco sheriff's department told the court that lodging Magee in the jail would present "tremendous security problems."

Colvin denied the motion and later on Magee accused Carrow of being "an agent

Magee

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of the state" who has "conspired to murder me."

After a recess, Colvin denied Magee's request to remove Carrow as defense attorney and Magee registered his disagreement by spitting on Carrow.

Magee walked out to the holding cell — where the proceedings can be heard via a loudspeaker — but fol-

lowing a recess was allowed back in the courtroom.

He walked over to Carrow again and really unloaded this time. As Carrow was wiping it off with a handkerchief, Magee was striding back to the cell.

"Mr. Magee," Colvin said, "you're not doing yourself or your cause any good."

"I don't give a ---," Magee replied.