

Trial Is Costing Taxpayers \$5000 a Day

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A sweeping gag rule prevents anyone connected with the Ruchell Magee trial in any official sense from discussing it, so figures on the trial's daily cost are hard to come by.

But a survey by The Chronicle was able to turn up some of the precise fixed costs and other costs are subject to educated guessing. Where guesses were made, they were pegged on the conservative side.

Item	Cost
26 policemen	\$1838
20 bailiffs, deputies ..	\$769
Jurors' room, board ..	\$480

Judge's bodyguards ..	\$324
Jurors' Pay	\$256
Helicopter Rental	\$209
Two prosecutors	\$188.59
One judge	\$136.36
Two court reporters ..	\$95
Judge's chauffeurs ...	\$48
One court clerk	\$45

Total: \$4388

This does not include the cost of the two defense lawyers, whose fees will be set after the trial is completed.

However, one of Magee's earlier attorneys, Ernest L. Graves of Los Angeles, was paid \$36,600 for less than a year's work before resigning

the case.

At that rate of pay, one of Magee's lawyers would be earning around \$136 a day, pushing the total daily cost of the trial to \$4554!

In addition, hidden expenses such as fringe benefits for police, deputies and court attaches involved in the trial would boost the daily cost to \$5000 a day or more.

Not counted here are the legal and security costs to Marin county for Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee before their cases were transferred elsewhere. That came to \$570,000.