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► Corine Christensen must have been terrified, for she scrawled a cryptic, pleading note before she was murdered. Her life had once been threatened by Richard Bandler, but a jury later acquitted the therapist.

# The BANDLER METHOD

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IN THE MORNING CORINE CHRISTENSEN LAST SNORTED cocaine, she found herself, straw in hand, looking down the barrel of a .357 Magnum revolver. When the gun exploded, momentarily piercing the autumn stillness, it sent a single bullet on a diagonal path through her left nostril and into her brain.

Christensen slumped over her round oak dining table, bleeding onto its glass top, a loose-leaf notebook, and a slip of yellow memo paper on which she had scrawled, in red ink, DON'T KILL US ALL. Choking, she spit blood onto a wine goblet, a tequila bottle, and the shirt of the man who would be accused of her murder, then slid sideways off the chair and fell on her back. Within minutes she lay still.

As Christensen lay dying, two men left her rented town house in a working-class section of Santa Cruz, California. One was her former boyfriend, James Marino, an admitted cocaine dealer and convicted burglar. The other, Richard Bandler, was known internationally as the cofounder of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), a controversial approach to psychology and communication. About 12 hours later, on the evening of November 3, 1986, Richard Bandler was arrested and charged with the murder.

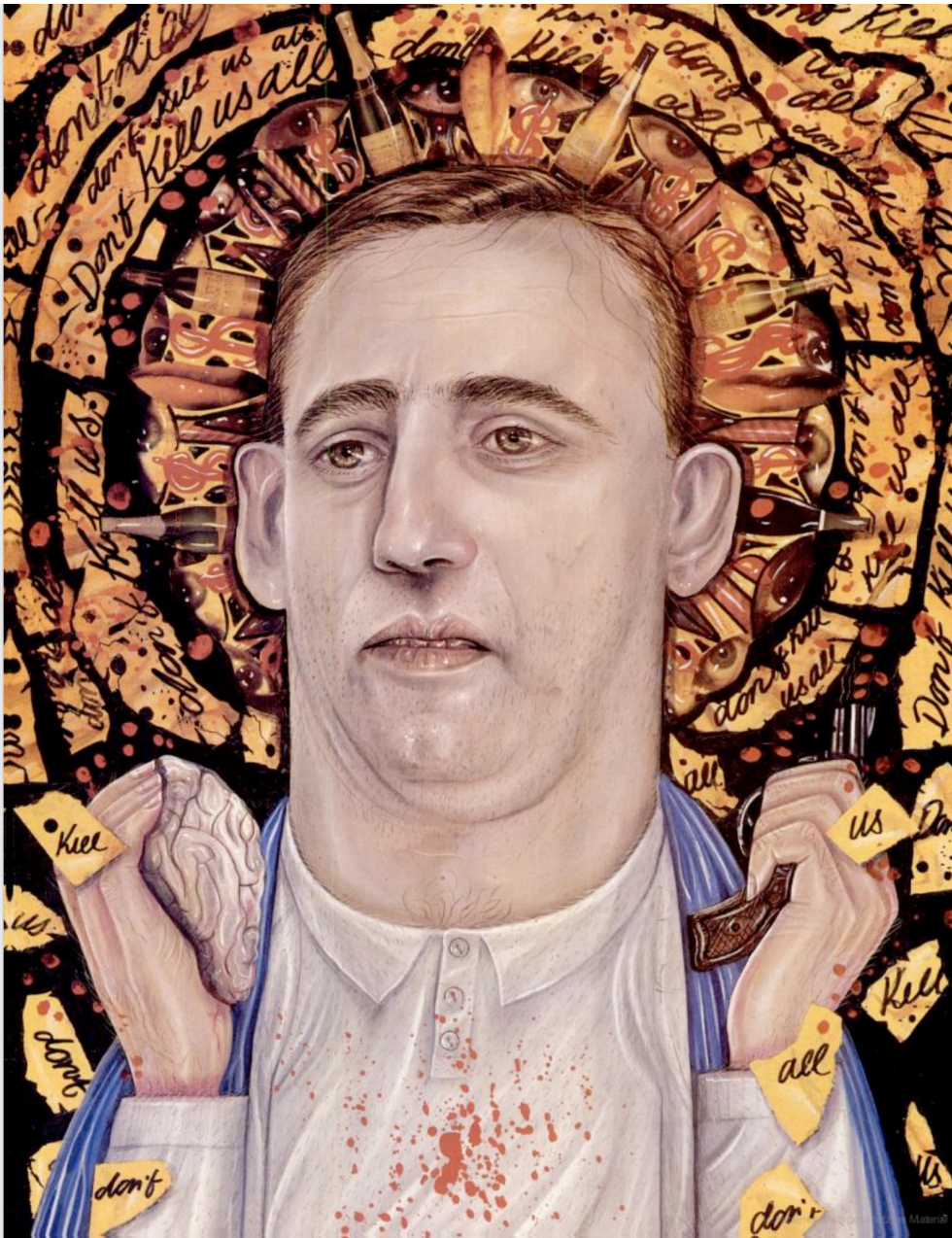
To many who knew him, the accusation seemed absurd. For more than a decade Bandler, then 36, had traveled the world teaching NLP to psychologists, salespeople, lawyers, executives, and teachers. His 11 books had sold more than half a million copies, and he

*New Age therapist Richard Bandler believed that anyone could change with the right stimulus. Even if that stimulus might be a gun.*



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had worked as a consultant for major corporations and trained personnel for the army and the CIA. *Science Digest* had described NLP as potentially "the most important synthesis of knowledge about human communication to emerge since the explosion of humanistic psychology in the '60s."

By November 1986, NLP had grown far beyond Richard Bandler and its California roots. Tens of thousands of people, many of them therapists, had studied its blend of hypnosis, linguistics, and positive thinking at colleges and NLP training centers in the United States, Europe, and Australia. *Psychology Today*, *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and many other publications had written about it. A man had made himself famous using NLP to teach people to walk barefoot across hot coals; his book, *Unlimited Power*, had become a best-seller. Yet Bandler had remained a prominent member of the NLP community, revered as its founder, hailed as a great teacher, acclaimed as a genius.

His legal defense seemed disarmingly simple: he said James Marino had killed Corine Christensen. Dozens of colleagues and friends rallied behind Bandler, establishing the Richard Bandler Defense Fund, a newsletter, and a telephone hot line. More than 50 supporters—businesspeople, psychologists, even a deputy sheriff—wrote to the court in a successful campaign to reduce his bail. A former Louisiana State University professor suggested Bandler had "possibly improved the lives of more people today than any other living therapist."

But Christensen's death and the ensuing investigation would illuminate a different Bandler—a man who used large amounts of cocaine and alcohol, a man obsessed with violence. So too would they indirectly shed light on Neuro-Linguistic Programming. For by 1986 NLP had become for Bandler a near-perfect expression of his own troubled life, an extended intellectual justification for his failure to confront the demons that surely tormented him.

Bandler's story is, in a sense, a parable of the New Age. Having rejected many of the boundaries that govern relations among people, he was like a sailor without anchor or sails, adrift in a peculiarly New Age sea. Here the individual was sovereign; problems were solved easily, and self-examination was denigrated; the past could be reimagined at will, and morality was relative. Here Bandler could deny not only guilt,

but all responsibility for the death of Corine Christensen.

Although Bandler was never a guru in any traditional sense, his supporters showed him a profound trust vastly out of proportion to his character. In the topsy-turvy world he helped create, it was not wrong for a therapist to pull a gun on a student—if the therapist was Richard Bandler. And in the wake of Christensen's murder, his followers clung to an idea not unlike his own—that, as one put it, he was simply "in the wrong place at the wrong time."

RICHARD BANDLER'S YOUTH HELD NEITHER CLUES TO HIS future success nor hints that he might someday be accused of murder. Born in New Jersey in 1950, he spent his high school years in Sunnyvale, California, in what is now Silicon Valley. Plagued by a language disorder, Bandler was an indifferent student, a withdrawn teenager who dreamed of playing drums like Buddy Rich; although he practiced diligently, a modest talent betrayed his ambition. He was, one friend remembers, ill at ease in the world, and never quite fit in. He seldom spoke of his childhood.

While in high school, Bandler met the first of several older men who would shape his life. At 16, he was hired to teach drums to the son of Robert Spitzer, a generous, soft-spoken psychiatrist who quickly became a father figure. Bandler hinted to him of a painful childhood. Spitzer recognized the boy's dormant intelligence and loaned him psychology books, which he devoured. Spitzer also introduced him to pioneer family therapist Virginia Satir, whose message of self-love and acceptance struck a chord in the youth.

She was drawn to the thin teenager with a terrible case of acne. "He looked undernourished," Satir recalled in March 1988, shortly before her death. "He got my sympathies because he was so bright and at the same time I felt that he felt so little about himself."

After graduating from high school in 1968, Bandler enrolled at a nearby junior college, where he studied philosophy. Intellectually, he flourished in the liberal environment, where he was free to express himself verbally as he had never been able to do on paper. Like many who overcome learning disabilities, Bandler developed tremendous powers of concentration. He had, one former professor remembers, "a mind like a searchlight."

For much of this time Bandler lived in the hills above Santa Cruz. He discussed philosophy for hours—in the tiny trailer he shared with a girlfriend, on walks in the woods, at a friend's house—and experimented with pot and acid. He kept his few friends at a distance. "There was clearly a level which nobody was getting at, nobody was reaching," one remembers. "He was not comfortable in the world, at all."

Working for Spitzer's publishing company, Bandler tried to assimilate the knowledge of great therapists, studying them as he had studied Buddy Rich—by imitation. With uncanny accuracy, he mimicked the voice and mannerisms first of Satir, then of Fritz Perls, the founder of Gestalt.

In 1970, Bandler began studying psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, then a new and popular experimental campus nestled in the redwoods. Despite his interest in psychology, Bandler was not concerned with self-discovery or sharing his feelings. Rather, he used his knowledge of Satir and Perls to lead Gestalt groups and counsel fellow students.

It was at UCSC that Bandler met John Grinder, a radical

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young professor of linguistics. In the laid-back university community, Grinder cultivated an iconoclastic mystique, boasting that he had been a Green Beret. He collected a small, devoted group of followers, the most prominent of whom was Richard Bandler. Together they began using linguistics to study psychology. Even before it had a name, their work was controversial: some students referred to Grinder's class, in which Bandler taught, as Mindfucking 101. In March 1973, Bandler earned his bachelor's degree, and two years later a master's in theoretical psychology from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

First Bandler, then Grinder, had moved to a commune in the Santa Cruz Mountains owned by Robert Spitzer, who envisioned it as a self-sustaining artistic and intellectual community. Among those who lived at the former nudist colony were Raven Lang, whose *Birth Book* had helped spawn a home birth movement; and Gregory Bateson, the British anthropologist who conceived the double-bind theory of schizophrenia.

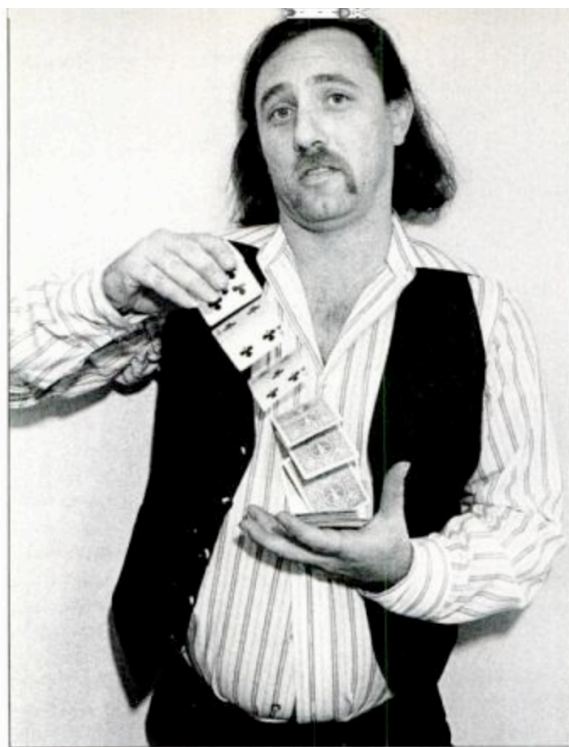
A lean, wiry man with a goatee and piercing brown eyes, Bandler did not get along with many residents of the Alba Road community. He was intense and temperamental, one remembers, and did not participate in communal life. Within a few weeks of his arrival, members of the commune asked Spitzer to evict him. Spitzer refused.

While living on Alba Road, Bandler bragged about using large amounts of cocaine.

For Grinder and Bandler it was a fertile time. They sat for hours in the sun room of Bateson's house, listening to Bateson discuss his innovative ideas, which became the intellectual foundation of NLP. (As described by one student, Bateson taught that "[Human beings] create the world that we perceive . . . because we select and edit the reality we see to conform to our beliefs about what sort of world we live in.") Working with films and tape recordings, Bandler and Grinder dissected the work of Satir and Perls, hoping to understand the techniques—linguistic and nonverbal—that caused seemingly magical changes in their clients. Through Bateson, they met and studied with Milton Erickson, the famed psychiatrist-hypnotist, and began using hypnosis to treat clients.

Bandler was only 25 when his first book, *The Structure of Magic*, was published in 1975. Written with Grinder, it attempted to codify and describe their analysis of Satir's and Perls's therapies. In separate introductions, Satir and Bateson expressed excitement about this research, for it seemed to hold potential for developing better therapists: if effective therapy, like all "magic," had discernible structure, then anyone could learn to perform it.

Bandler and Grinder's work rapidly generated interest



By 1982, Richard Bandler was falling apart, drinking heavily and inhaling large amounts of cocaine. Still, he kept teaching NLP.

within the humanistic psychology community, and they took NLP on the road. They were stimulating, funny, and outspokenly critical of traditional therapy, which they claimed was ineffective. They delighted in confusing audiences, in flouting convention. "Everything we're going to tell you here is a lie," they said. "All generalizations are lies." Therapists, Bandler insisted, are rewarded for failure; the longer a problem lasts, the more money a therapist makes. Although neither was a licensed therapist, they treated and discussed clients, with occasional disclaimers, much like experienced clinicians.

Grinder was more

formal and polished; Bandler rapidly became known for his confusing, confrontational, sometimes frightening style of teaching and therapy, which alternated unpredictably with gentleness and caring. One therapist remembers thinking as she took notes: "Please, dear God, don't let him see that I'm here." But when a student was hit by a truck, Bandler, who barely knew the man, spent hours by his hospital bed. "His care . . . made a lasting impression on me," the student later wrote. "He is a warm, considerate man."

Bandler said that he "came to the world of personal change from the world of mathematics and information science," and that he brought the analytical skills of those disciplines to psychology. He dazzled audiences with his agile mind and quick wit, his skill as a hypnotist and healer, his ability to guess people's thoughts from subtle physical signs—muscle tension, eye movement, the dilation of pupils. To some, it seemed like magic. But to many therapists, NLP's simple, direct techniques seemed useful in their practices.

Although Bandler and Grinder described NLP as a "human behavior technology," they offered a familiar New Age promise—a fast and painless way to change. They said they could cure phobias in ten minutes, addictions in a few hours.

Unlike therapists, NLP practitioners were not interested in *why*; they asked *how*. It was not necessary, Bandler and Grinder said, to spend years "understanding the roots of the problem." Bandler and Grinder told the story of a woman who sought help for a fear of heights. Rather than probe for the origins of that fear, they asked her to approach the window of their third-floor office. Immediately she felt ill. What happened inside her head, they asked, to make her sick? When she was in high places, she responded, she imagined herself falling, and felt nauseated. They asked her to sing



"The Star-spangled Banner" as she walked to the window. Thus distracted, she was no longer afraid, they claimed.

But NLP was never pure psychology so much as it was the study of communication, and by the late 1970s, Grinder and Bandler were marketing it as a business tool. They taught salespeople to establish rapport by subtly "mirroring" a customer's body language, by "pacing" his or her breathing and speech. They claimed that everyone has a dominant way of perceiving the world—through seeing, hearing, or feeling—that is reflected in language. If a customer said, "Do you see what I mean?" an NLP-trained salesperson might respond, "I get the picture" (rather than "That rings a bell," or "That feels good to me"). It was a corporate dream, a system for selling anything to anybody.

Bandler and Grinder also sought to map the creative processes of other disciplines. "We claim that if any human being can do anything, so can you," they said. Grinder told one writer he could teach the man to play chess like Karpov. It was Horatio Alger, with a New Age twist: Anyone could succeed, not with pluck and luck, but with NLP.

day chautauqua was profitable. In February 1979, 150 students paid \$1,000 apiece for a ten-day workshop at a beachfront condominium complex south of Santa Cruz. Bandler and Grinder gave up serious writing and allowed others to produce popular books from seminar transcripts, one of which, *Frogs Into Princes*, has sold more than 270,000 copies. According to court documents, Bandler's NLP business, Not, Ltd., made more than \$800,000 in 1980.

Despite its popularity, NLP had critics. Some questioned its long-term effectiveness, while others charged that it was a cynical and perhaps dangerous system of manipulation. Bandler and Grinder typically dismissed ethical questions with a disturbing sameness: a person can't avoid manipulating others, they insisted; with NLP training, at least he or she will be aware of—and control—the manipulation. To those who demanded scientific evidence, they offered another standard response: We are not scientists, and what we do is not science, so we do not have to offer proof. And besides, they added, it works.

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then instilled his own prejudice: "I told her to see an image of herself politely enjoying other people smoking. I wasn't willing to create another evangelist convert."

Bandler had overturned a fundamental notion of therapy—that the client, not the therapist, chooses whether to change, and how. He believed NLP gave him the power to make others change. And he was not reluctant to use it. "I've never understood how changing someone and making them happier turns them into less of a human being," he said.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, THROUGH NLP, BANDLER found himself surrounded by students, friends, and acolytes. They hailed him as brilliant, praised him as a genius. It was at once exhilarating and terrifying.

Enchanted with his newfound wealth, Bandler and Leslie Cameron, whom he married in April 1978, purchased a home in the mountains and built a greenhouse, swimming pool, and tennis court. They also installed a laser lab and recording equipment for NLP experiments. They owned a Mercedes, two BMWs, a Fiat Spider, and a house on Hawaii's Kona coast. Bandler also owned guns—a Beretta .380 semi-automatic and a .38 revolver—which was not unusual in rural Santa Cruz.

Yet, even as he taught NLP's rapid cures across the United States, Bandler was inexorably losing control of his life. In November 1980, his wife filed for divorce. A month later, she claimed in court documents and police interviews, Bandler had choked her, laughing and warning that he could kill her. According to allegations in police reports and court documents, he attacked her male friends and threatened to have several killed. "All I need to do is dial [seven] digits," another of her friends quoted Bandler as saying, "and with my connections with the Mafia, I could have you all wiped out, without even batting an eye."

At about the time Bandler's wife filed for divorce, he and Grinder stopped working together, for reasons neither man has ever discussed publicly. Bandler retreated to Hawaii. When he returned, his NLP business was bankrupt.

Into this emotional vacuum stepped James Marino, the latest in a series of older men who shaped Bandler's life. They had become friends in 1980, when both frequented a popular Santa Cruz restaurant known for its views of the harbor and, unofficially, for the cocaine dealers who hung out at its bar. In court, Marino, 18 years Bandler's senior, would describe theirs as a father-son relationship, but in truth it was symbiotic: Bandler boasted about his street-smart "Sicilian buddy"; Marino basked in the glow of Bandler's accomplishments.

In 1981, amid an acrimonious divorce, Bandler ran into a friend at a restaurant. They had not seen each other in ten years. She was stunned by his appearance: the ponytail and torn jeans of the early '70s had yielded to a stylish haircut, camel hair jacket, and silk tie. When his wife left him, the normally reticent Bandler confided, he was shattered. On the road, he said, he felt like "a trained elephant act." He also led her over to a stairwell, where he invited her to snort cocaine from a baggie. He had learned that coke, like NLP, could help win friends and influence people.

Bandler used prodigious amounts of the drug. Sitting at his computer, he would place a baggie of coke on one side, a glass of gin on the other. He sometimes inhaled the cocaine through his mouth with a drinking straw. He also drank



heavily and gained weight. Once a thin man, Bandler, five-foot-nine, would weigh 218 pounds when arrested.

Friends marveled, with sadness and wonder, at Bandler's ability to function despite such extensive drug use. Few, apparently, tried to stop him. "You don't tell Richard that," said one colleague. "Richard is his own person." Although Bandler had long since abandoned the research that earned him prominence, he continued teaching NLP and working as a consultant. He commanded fees as high as \$4,000 a day.

DESPITE HIS SUCCESS, Bandler never trusted the truth to provide the sense of importance he so deeply desired. Parallel to his real life grew a legend, one he cultivated assiduously; his life story became a blur of fact and fiction, obscured by cocaine and gin, distorted by an ideology that provided intellectual justification for reimagining the past. "If you got a bad [personal history] the first time around," he and Grinder wrote, "go back and make yourself a better one. Everybody really ought to have several histories."

Bandler told a vast array of tales about his personal and professional life. Although he has no Ph.D., he sometimes called himself Dr. Bandler, as did promoters. Similarly, he described himself as a computer programmer and as a musician; while he knew something of these disciplines, his only real career seems to have been teaching NLP. He told people that he was once a professional rock musician, that he owned a topless bar at 16 and was a millionaire at 18, that he had a black belt in karate. Having discussed pain control for the CIA and the army, he claimed, improbably, that his ideas were tested by plunging an ice pick through an agent's hand.

The most pervasive story Bandler told—one he used to explain and justify his provocative, confrontational teaching style—was of growing up on the mean streets of a nameless urban jungle. "If you confront some people, they will kill you—even over a ham sandwich," he said. "I know that from where I grew up." He told an associate that many old friends had died violently. If so, he must have been very young when he encountered these dangers, since by 16 he was a somewhat reclusive boy in a middle-class suburb.

Bandler's deceptions ran deep. Through NLP he had learned to establish rapport by mirroring posture and imitating language; he took this idea further, matching history and identity to his companion's. With a writer, Bandler said he longed to retreat to Hawaii to write; with a scientist, he said he hated writing books; with a movie director, he claimed to be writing a screenplay. Like Woody Allen's Zelig, he was lost



*"Bandler Not Guilty": Alone for the first time in months, Bandler leaves the courthouse after his acquittal.*

in a swirling vortex of imitation, deception, and manipulation. "I don't know where the man I knew still lives inside Richard Bandler," a college friend lamented. "The past 20 years he's been making himself more and more invisible."

A few of Bandler's closest friends knew about and forgave his storytelling. Others believed him, and passed along stories as illustrations of his character. Bandler once hinted that obscuring the past was somehow vital to his survival. "[I]t is only your personal history," he told students, "by which others can use magic to control you."

THE GUN HAD APPEARED SUDDENLY, MAGICALLY, IN THE palm of Richard Bandler's hand. It was about three inches long, the color of tarnished brass. And Bandler was pointing it toward a psychiatrist who had volunteered for a demonstration.

On this Saturday morning in February 1984, Bandler wanted to illustrate a favorite theory—that anyone can change, with the right stimulus. The psychiatrist was adamant. Nothing could spur him to change a certain aspect of his life. Except, he joked, "perhaps a small-caliber pistol."

For a moment, a smile flickered across Bandler's face. He took the gun out of his pocket. The audience, all advanced NLP students, knew about his confrontational style, and laughed. But, the psychiatrist said, the gun would only work if he knew Bandler was willing to use it.

"I've got news for you," Bandler taunted. "You've got no idea how nuts I am. How many people have one? In their pocket? Waiting for you? And you're going to tell me that I won't do it?" He laughed. "I don't have to kill you, I just have to wound you," he added. "... I've done weirder things to clients."

"I know you have," the psychiatrist responded, his voice soothing, compliant, now terrified. As Bandler toyed with the

miniature gun, he boasted that he had once so thoroughly cured a man of acrophobia that the man had jumped off a bridge.

"You didn't know it was going to be real, did you?" Bandler mocked. "Now, somehow or other, *you* made it real. That's different than *me* making it real."

Finally the psychiatrist, shaken, surrendered. The change, he said, was possible. "Absolutely," Bandler responded, his excitement ebbing. "Otherwise I would have shot you by now." Again the audience laughed, apparently relieved that the incident was over, and Bandler proceeded to analyze the dynamics of the psychiatrist's terror.

As they strolled later among the redwoods, as they ate dinner, many of the Bandler's actions. A finally gone too far. Other associates, however, say Bandler is not a *violent* man, that he only uses the *threat* of violence to improve people's lives. One went further, saying that Bandler had committed "the ultimately personal act" of drawing a weapon out of his "love . . . for another human being."

In this case, it may have worked. Speaking to officers investigating Christensen's murder, the psychiatrist said that, in retrospect, he thought Bandler had helped him change.

Bandler owns a cigarette lighter that is a replica of a single-shot .22 caliber Derringer. But he has never said publicly what he aimed at the psychiatrist in 1984.

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By 1986, RICHARD BANDLER WAS A MAN DIVIDED, A MAN AT war with his soul. He was living in a house built by James Marino, only a few hundred yards from where Corine Christensen would die. It was fortified like a security compound, with barred windows and skylights, an eight-foot-high fence, and a trained German shepherd. Every room had solid-core doors with deadbolts. Bandler used a voice stress analyzer (similar to a lie detector) on visitors, even friends. He owned a small arsenal. In addition to the .357 Magnum that killed Christensen and a .380 semiautomatic also involved in the murder, police seized seven pistols, two knives, and mace. Yet Bandler was also, by several accounts, a gentle, loving father figure to his girlfriend Paula McFarland's children.

By 1986, Richard Bandler's affections, too, were divided. He lived with Suzanne Cutter, a plump, sullen woman who

kept his business affairs in order, and gave McFarland about \$1,300 a month for support. The women tolerated this arrangement, according to Bandler's testimony, although Bandler and Cutter sometimes fought bitterly about McFarland.

Bandler had by now discovered a tool more powerful than NLP for influencing others: the handgun. In September, six weeks before the murder, Bandler leveled a gun at a trusted female associate. At the time, he was still using large amounts of cocaine.

IT IS SADLY IRONIC THAT, OF THE THREE PEOPLE INSIDE Corine Christensen's town house on November 3, 1986, she was the only one at least trying to confront her problems. At 31, she was a strong-willed and beautiful woman, who nevertheless suffered from a vague spiritual malaise and twin addictions—to cocaine and James Marino. She recorded her spiritual meanderings in the small notebook that police found, stained with blood, on her table. She had sampled meditation and mysticism and studied self-help books. She had asked her neighbor, an NLP trainer, to explain NLP.

Yet, like Richard Bandler, whom she met through Marino, she lived a life of paradoxes—working as a prostitute, managing an exclusive call-girl service, and helping Marino with his cocaine business even as she remained close to her large family; using up to a gram of cocaine a day but remaining fanatic about her health. To friends, her energy had once seemed limitless; by November, she showed the strain of too much cocaine and too many late nights roller-skating on the streets of Santa Cruz.

Christensen's friends did not understand her obsession with Marino, who was 22 years older and had been married at least three times. Still, he had an undeniable personal appeal that could not entirely be explained by his face-lift and boyish sense of humor, or the large amounts of cocaine he controlled. At 54, he was tall and lanky, a passably handsome man who used black dye on his drooping moustache and graying hair.

By the fall of 1986, Marino had tired of Christensen, and was preparing to move to Florida with another woman. But Christensen was not ready to let him go. On Saturday, October 25, she convinced him to escort her to a Halloween party, an annual event where lawyers and real estate brokers mingled easily with prostitutes and cocaine dealers. Soon after they arrived, Marino was attacked for no apparent reason by a muscular man who knocked out his front teeth, opened a wound beneath his right eye, and fractured his skull. Christensen rushed to help, then called a taxi and brought Marino to the emergency room. For three days, she nursed him in her home, feeding him protein drinks, vitamins, and chicken soup.

Marino's mind swirled with plots in which he was the victim; the beating fanned his deepest fears. He became obsessed with the notion that Christensen had arranged the beating. In his fevered imagination, she had reasons to do so—she wanted to take over his cocaine business, she was jealous. Still suffering headaches and periods of dizziness, Marino left her town house and treated his ailments with codeine and alcohol.

A few days later, on Saturday, November 1, Marino was overcome by dizziness and pain while at a restaurant. He telephoned Bandler for assistance. *(Continued on page 63)*



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(Continued from page 28) Bandler knew nothing about the beating and was alarmed by his friend's condition. Marino's speech was slurred, his face badly bruised. Calm and compassionate, Bandler held Marino's hand as they drove into Santa Cruz. Embracing Marino's cause, he then began furiously making phone calls to find out "who beat up my best friend . . . my only friend."

Bandler also met Christensen in the office behind his home and grilled her about the beating. "I need to ask you a simple question," he said in a conversation that he recorded. "Why is my friend hurt?" When she evaded his questions, he began to shout and curse, pressing for information. No more than eight hours before her death, he gave an ultimatum: "I'll give you two more questions," he said, "and then I'll blow your brains out."

WHEN JAMES MARINO CONTACTED POLICE through an attorney on the afternoon of November 3, 1986, Corine Christensen had been dead for about seven hours. Sheriff's deputies found her lying on the carpeted floor of her dining area, her face caked with blood, one leg draped on a wooden chair. Her home had been ransacked.

His speech slurred, often babbling and scarcely coherent, Marino told investigators a strange tale, which he repeated several times in the ensuing days, then again at a preliminary hearing in April 1987 and at Bandler's trial in December. He had spent the previous night at Bandler's house, Marino said, because of his injuries. At dawn, Bandler had awakened him and played a tape recording of an argument. Although the tape was strangely garbled, Marino recognized Bandler and Christensen arguing. Bandler was agitated. He insisted they drive to her house.

Once inside, Marino said, Bandler pulled a pistol and held it to Marino's head. Threatening to kill everyone, Bandler screamed at Christensen, accusing her of blackmail. Soon he focused his anger entirely on Christensen. Using a steak knife, he tried to fashion a crude silencer by sawing the neck off a plastic soap bottle; soap dripped onto the gun barrel when he stuck it inside the bottle. He pulled a second gun, a chrome-plated revolver.

While Bandler yelled at Christensen in the dining area, Marino said, he searched for an escape, but found the second-floor windows and garage door locked. In frustration, Marino smashed a scale, which Christensen used to measure cocaine, on the floor of the

garage. Dazed with pain, he slumped to the floor. Bandler found him in the garage and helped him to the couch, where he lay down and closed his eyes.

According to Marino's testimony, when he opened them, he watched Bandler pick up the revolver and aim it at Christensen. Again Marino shut his eyes. Within seconds he heard the gun explode, then looked up to see her falling backward onto the floor.

Bandler became placid, Marino said. After helping Marino to the car, he drove to a wharf at nearby Monterey Bay, where he ordered Marino to throw the revolver in the water. Marino tossed the gun into the bay.

Though initially skeptical, police discovered evidence corroborating some of Marino's story. Investigators found a mutilated bottle of lemon-scented Mr. Clean soft cleanser (the soap-bottle silencer) in Christensen's kitchen and a broken scale in the garage. Searching the home of Paula McFarland, they found a Beretta .380 semi-automatic that, officers testified, smelled of lemon. Bandler's T-shirt was stained with a lemon-scented substance, and his clothes were spattered with the victim's blood. And, three days after the murder, divers recovered a chrome-plated .357 Magnum revolver from the bay. Police also confiscated the cassette that contained Bandler's death threat against Christensen. The tape, recorded on a voice-activated machine, was barely intelligible.

Over the next few months, Marino was obsessed with the murder. He spent hours pacing a friend's law office, telling and retelling the story, its details changing like the wind. He was upstairs when Bandler shot Christensen; he was in the living room. His eyes were closed; they were open. He unburdened his soul, spilling his guts about every criminal he knew, except one—James Marino. "It was," the attorney remembers, "as though he could get absolution for his own sins by confessing the sins of others."

Bandler's trial, which lasted nearly three months, ultimately hinged on a single question: could the jury believe James Marino *beyond a reasonable doubt* when he said that Bandler shot Christensen? At times he had changed his story whimsically, capriciously. Although he told people throughout Santa Cruz that he blamed Christensen for his beating, he denied this in court. His only explanation for Bandler's anger—a supposed lesbian affair between Bandler's girlfriend and Christensen—was implausible. His story did not explain how Christensen's house had been ransacked. It seemed too convenient that Marino shut his eyes before the shooting. And Marino's credibility was not enhanced by his claim,

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under oath, that he could turn streetlights on and off with his mind.

THROUGHOUT BANDLER'S TRIAL, dozens of his colleagues and friends, many of them fervently convinced of his innocence, traveled to Santa Cruz to watch the proceedings. Charged with murder, Bandler faced a maximum sentence of life in prison. The small courtroom was packed when he took the witness stand on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 13, 1988, a warm, brilliantly clear winter day. As he testified, Bandler sat very still, his shoulders square, both hands nervously cradling the microphone. It was the first time he had spoken publicly about Christensen's death. His story, told in a boyish, apologetic tone, was the mirror image of James Marino's.

Marino, Bandler said, asked him to press Christensen for information about the beating. It was Marino who insisted they visit her that morning. It was Marino, Bandler testified, who went on a rampage and accused his former girlfriend of sleeping with his friends, stealing his drugs and money, and attempting to blackmail him. Marino was the one who tried to fashion a silencer from a soap bottle; they struggled over the bottle, Bandler said, and soap spilled on his shirt. Marino, searching for drugs and money, ransacked the house. Finally, Bandler testified, James Marino rushed without warning into the dining area, stood between Bandler and Christensen, and fired a single shot into her face.

On the witness stand, Bandler's voice nearly cracked as he described how Christensen slumped forward over the round oak table, and how he supposedly stood and lifted her head. Choking, she spit blood onto his T-shirt and jeans; Bandler, shocked, let go, and she slid dying to the floor. Bandler then drove to Paula McFarland's house, he said, where he concealed his bloody clothes and cowboy boots in a closet. He spent the rest of the day there, snorting coke and drinking gin.

Bandler's story, like Marino's, left gaping holes. He did not call police, he said, because Marino was a friend. He claimed he had not seen the .357 Magnum until Marino shot Christensen, but could not explain where his lanky friend had hidden a bulky revolver. Mr. Clean soft cleanser, an extremely viscous fluid, is unlikely to spill from an almost empty bottle in a brief struggle, as Bandler claimed it had. His contention that he lifted Christensen's head after the shooting seemed particularly suspect: although she bled profusely, there was no blood on the sleeves of his long-sleeved T-shirt, and he left no bloody fingerprints in her house or his car.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 28, 1988, after five hours of deliberation, a seven-man, five-woman jury voted unanimously to acquit Richard Wayne Bandler of murder in the death of Corine Christensen. Confronted by a paradox—both stories were suspect, yet one man told the truth about the shooting—the jurors voted not guilty. The prosecution, they said later, had not proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Bandler shot her. Although the jurors took pride in upholding the law, more than one remained haunted by the decision. At least two cried after leaving the courthouse. Someone, they knew, had gotten away with murder.

The next morning, the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* published a black-and-white photograph of Bandler beneath a banner headline: BANDLER NOT GUILTY. Bandler, a leather purse over his left shoulder, was shown walking diagonally down the steps of the courthouse. He was alone. For perhaps the first time in months, he was not surrounded in public by attorneys, relatives, friends, and colleagues. Not even his mother, who had watched almost every minute of the trial, was there.

And that of course was appropriate, for it is alone that Bandler must remember—must remember that he threatened to blow Christensen's brains out hours before she died, must remember that, at the very least, he left her alone to die, then drowned his sorrows in gin and cocaine.

He may already have forgotten. Just as Bandler has often reimagined his past, he might have found it useful to re-create the events of November 3, 1986—for the truth has disturbing implications, whether he is innocent or guilty. Here too NLP offers solace: it is the "right and duty" of your unconscious mind, he and John Grinder once wrote, "to keep from your conscious mind anything that is unpleasant."

When Bandler awoke the morning after the acquittal, he found a sea of roses outside his house. Eleven dozen flowers covered the doorway, the lawn, and the two cars in the driveway. They were, said a colleague who had scattered them, the sign of a new begin-

ning. Bandler moved to San Diego and continued his NLP work.

But Bandler, it seemed, had changed little. In February 1988, he was in Dallas for a workshop advertised as a weekend with "Dr. Richard Bandler." He was, as usual, unpredictable and provocative, mixing demonstrations of NLP with a rambling, funny monologue. One of his funniest stories was about a schizophrenic client who thought he was Jesus; Bandler cured the man, he said, by building a cross and threatening to crucify him. Later, in a bar, Bandler drank heavily, and told one story from his imagined career as a professional musician of a brutal 74-day concert tour.

A few weeks later, Bandler consented to talk with us in San Francisco, in his attorney's presence, with the stipulation that he would not discuss the murder. Although the threat of imprisonment is behind him, he still faces a civil lawsuit by Christensen's parents.

Then, in a later telephone interview, he blamed his fictional Ph.D. on promoters, even though he is repeatedly identified as "Dr. Bandler" in a book he published. Although his tale of a would-be Jesus bears a resemblance to one of Milton Erickson's inspired cures, Bandler insisted that he had indeed treated the man; he refused, however, to provide details. His career as a musician, he said, "was so long ago I don't have to tell you about it."

In the year since the trial, Bandler has crisscrossed the United States and traveled to Europe and Australia teaching NLP, commanding fees of \$2,500 and more per day. Like many of his colleagues, he blames his involvement in Christensen's murder on James Marino. How does an experience like this change a person? he was asked. "Makes you a lot more careful, I'll tell you that," he replied. "You pick your friends a lot better."

One colleague foresaw another change. She thought that in the future Bandler would no longer need guns to help people. "Now he will use something else [to frighten people]," she said. "I guarantee, what he'll use is, 'Maybe I did do it.' And he'll laugh."

Frank Clancy and Heidi Yorkshire are Los Angeles writers.

**S**ome jurors remained haunted by the decision. Two even cried. They knew someone had gotten away with murder.



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## **PSYCHOTHERAPY FIGURE ARRESTED AS SUSPECT IN WOMAN'S SLAYING**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Richard Bandler**, who gained national attention as the co- founder of a branch of psychotherapy called neuro- linguistic programming, has been arrested in connection with the death of a Santa Cruz area woman.

Bandler, 36, was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on Monday evening on suspicion of murder. He is accused of the fatal shooting of Corine Christensen, 31, at her residence in Live Oak, an unincorporated community just east of Santa Cruz. Sheriff's investigators gave no theory for the shooting and declined to discuss why they arrested Bandler for the crime.

The author of several books, Bandler joined John Grinder, a professor at UC-Santa Cruz to found NLP -- as neuro-linguistic programming came to be known -- in Santa Cruz. The therapy, which includes hypnosis and other techniques, was the topic of articles in various national magazines, bringing a measure of fame to Bandler and his partner in the late 1970s and early part of this decade. Eventually, each man went his separate way and some acquaintances said Wednesday that Bandler had been spending time in Hawaii.

He listed his home as 2622 Mattison Lane, in Live Oak. The shooting occurred at 2526 Charlene, also in Live Oak. Sheriff's deputies went to the scene after a caller said there was a body there.

Bandler was arrested about two hours later at a residence on Crystal Lane in Capitola.

While investigators would give few details about the shooting, Sgt. Mark Tracy, public information officer, said deputies "are trying to find an association" between Bandler and Christensen.

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## 2 WOMEN HELD IN MURDER CASE

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KATHY HOLUB, Mercury News Staff Writer

Two women have been arrested in connection with a Santa Cruz slaying in which **Richard Bandler**, co-founder of a therapeutic process called neurolinguistic programming, is the primary suspect.

Suzanne Cutter, 30, of Santa Cruz and Paula McFarland, 32, of Capitola were arrested Friday afternoon and charged with being accessories to the murder of 31-year-old Corine Christensen.

Sheriff's department spokesmen were not available Saturday to describe the relationships among the three suspects. But a source familiar with the case said he believed they were friends.

Cutter, who was arrested at a Santa Cruz motel, listed her residence on Mattison Lane in Live Oak, an unincorporated area just east of Santa Cruz. The address was the same one Bandler gave police when he was arrested Monday.

Bandler was arrested at a residence on Crystal Lane in Capitola two hours after sheriff's deputies found Christensen's body at a home in Live Oak. A source said the Crystal Lane address is the same house where McFarland lived. Bandler is being held in Santa Cruz County jail on a \$500,000 bond. He is due to enter a plea in the case Monday.

An autopsy revealed that Christensen died of a gunshot wound to the head. According to the sheriff's department, the bullet was from a .38-caliber handgun.

Last week, sheriff's investigators found a gun they believe to be the murder weapon in the water off the Capitola wharf.

"There were divers searching for several days," said Santa Cruz County Deputy District Attorney Gary Fry. Fry said investigators had received a tip on the gun's location but declined to reveal the source.

Bandler reportedly was implicated in the slaying by James Moreno of Santa Cruz, who has told investigators that he was in Christensen's home at the time of the shooting.

According to attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach, who represented Bandler at his arraignment last week, Moreno told investigators that he and Bandler had gone to Christensen's home Sunday night and that "Richard was waving a gun around and was ranting.

"Despite this, Moreno had a headache and decided to lie down. He heard the gun go off and saw the woman slump over," Schwartzbach said Moreno told investigators.

Schwartzbach said he believes Moreno is an unreliable witness.



Fry said investigators are unsure of the motive for the killing and of the relationships among Bandler, Christensen and Moreno. According to a sheriff's department press release, "The motive is still clouded, as witnesses are reluctant to be interviewed thoroughly due to illicit activities involving the sphere of associates surrounding the victim and suspect."

Prosecutor Fry declined to say what these illicit activities could be.

Fry also said he has taken the "unusual step" of asking for a conditional examination of Moreno in court this week because Moreno is planning to move to Florida. A conditional examination is similar to a deposition and can be substituted for testimony in court if a witness is unable to appear in person. Schwartzbach said he plans to fight the request for the conditional examination.

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## **LAWYER ACCUSES JUDGE OF BIAS ATTORNEY'S CLAIM PUTS SANTA CRUZ MURDER CASE ON HOLD**

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KATHY HOLUB, Mercury News Staff Writer

The murder case against **Richard Bandler**, co-founder of a communications theory called Neuro-Linguistic Programming, was put on indefinite hold Monday when Bandler's attorney said the judge was biased and asked that he be disqualified. Attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach, describing the request as "somewhat unusual," accused Santa Cruz Municipal Court Judge Thomas Kelly of having a "pro-prosecution bias." He said Kelly had changed his mind on the bail he was to set for Paula McFarland, Bandler's girlfriend.

Schwartzbach said the judge had agreed to free McFarland on her own recognizance but reversed himself after having a private conversation with a sheriff's investigator.

McFarland's bail has been set at \$25,000.

Schwartzbach also accused sheriff's deputies of using "police-state tactics" to intimidate McFarland, 32, and Suzanne Cutter, 30, who were arrested Friday on suspicion of being accessories to the Nov. 3 shooting death of Corine Christensen in her condominium near Santa Cruz.

Schwartzbach said the women were told by deputies that if they remained silent or hired attorneys they would be arrested.

Thomas Wallraff, Cutter's attorney, said his client was willing to turn herself in. "Instead, they went out and arrested her. They said, 'If you hadn't gotten a lawyer, you wouldn't be in jail.' "

Lloyd Gray, chief deputy in the Santa Cruz County sheriff's office, said his officers had not been trying to intimidate the women but had simply advised them that they were subject to arrest if they withheld information pertinent to the case.

Gray called Schwartzbach's motion against the judge "just a ploy to stall for time."

Time has become an issue because James Marino, the prosecution's star witness, intends to move to Florida soon, and prosecutors fear he will not return to California to testify in the trial.

Last week, Deputy District Attorney Gary Fry took the unusual step of asking for an immediate conditional examination of Marino -- a process similar to a deposition.

Schwartzbach objected, saying he needed time to investigate the case, but Kelly ordered arguments on the issue to begin Monday.

By filing the charge of bias on Monday, Schwartzbach has effectively postponed the conditional examination of Marino for several weeks, if not months. In the meantime, Fry said, prosecutors can't stop Marino from leaving California.

Kelly, who declined comment, has 10 days to file a response. A new judge must be chosen to settle the dispute, a process that could take months.

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**HE'S 'BRASH,' 'BRILLIANT,' AND A MURDER SUSPECT**

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KATHY HOLUB, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

Psychologist **Richard Bandler**, an acknowledged genius in his field, never minded



using a little controlled violence if it paid off with results.

Once, presented with a balky young patient, "I hit him really hard. . . . It was just an expedient way," he wrote in his most recent book.

"I wouldn't recommend that you do this with most people. But there are times when a good rap on the side of the head constitutes the beginning of building a motivation strategy."

The iconoclastic Bandler, co-founder of a movement called Neuro-Linguistic Programming, grew famous in his field for fast, elegant results that produced startling changes in people. With his partner, linguist John Grinder, he perfected a 10-minute cure for phobias and helped thousands of people overcome patterns of destructive behavior.

Now Bandler, 36, is in the Santa Cruz County jail, charged with murder. Sheriff's investigators say he killed a woman by firing a bullet into her head at close range. They also say drugs appear to be involved in the case.

Bandler's friends and followers are stunned.

"It is totally out of character," said Robert Spitzer, a Palo Alto psychiatrist who has known Bandler for 20 years.

"He has been through an awful lot in his life and worked with a lot of disturbed people. I would be very surprised if he would do something so stupid and impulsive and weird."

Impulsive and weird behavior is, in fact, a trademark of Bandler's, according to friends and associates who have known him for years.

His moodiness and unpredictability are legendary. Friends say he ranges from playful and generous to hostile and rude. Some say he occasionally verges on paranoid.

But few would question his brilliance. Trained in mathematics and computer science, he is considered a genius at synthesizing ideas from disciplines that seem miles apart.

His work with Grinder, begun in 1973, plucked ideas from computer science, linguistics, psychology and hypnosis. Together, the two men created models to explain how people think and learn.

Bandler grew so adept at understanding people's thinking patterns that he soon learned how to cure phobias without knowing what they were.

But friends say his skill at helping others did not always enable him to help himself.

In the past few years, some say, he became increasingly abrasive, gained a great deal of weight and made no secret of his fondness for alcohol and cocaine.

"I always used to tell him, 'Physician, heal thyself,' " a friend said.

Lloyd Gray, chief deputy of the Santa Cruz County sheriff's office, said his working theory is that illicit drugs -- primarily cocaine -- formed the link between Bandler and the woman who died Nov. 3.

Her name was Corine Christensen. She was 31 and lived alone in a condominium about a block from Bandler's house.

She died in the early hours of Nov. 3, killed by a single bullet wound to the head.

Bandler was arrested about 12 hours later in Capitola. Investigators say a man named James Marino turned him in.

Marino, 54, now the prosecution's star witness, was reportedly Bandler's best friend and the dead woman's estranged lover. Investigators won't say much about him except that he is eager to leave the state.

Lawyer's countercharge

In court documents, Bandler's attorney calls Marino a "drug abuser and dealer." In conversation, attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach suggested that Marino may have committed the crime himself.

Marino said otherwise. He told investigators that he and Bandler went to Christensen's home together on the night she died and that Bandler was angry and waving a gun. When they arrived, Marino developed a headache and decided to lie down. When he heard the gun go off, he looked up to see Christensen on the floor and the gun in Bandler's hand.

Investigators haven't figured out the motive, Gray said.

As for Bandler's links to Marino and the victim, "Their association was through illicit activities involving drugs," Gray said. That means "using it, selling it, possessing it for sale, whatever."

The events that led Bandler to his jail cell, where he now sits with bond set at \$500,000, do not follow the typical pattern of the Santa Cruz drug-related murder.

Bandler spent his teen-age years in the San Jose and Los Altos areas, friends say. He was a brilliant student.

"I met him when he was 16," Spitzer said. "He was even then interested in philosophy. We used to sit around and talk about epistemology, the science of how we learn things."

Bandler went to Foothill College and then to the University of California at Santa Cruz. It was there that he met Grinder, a professor of linguistics.

How people learn

In 1973 they began studying how people learn and communicate. They studied great therapists: family therapist Virginia Satir, Gestalt founder Fritz Perls, social psychologist Gregory Bateson and hypnotist Milton Erickson.

They analyzed the masters' facial cues, body language, eye movements and speech, looking for clues to explain why patients responded to them so well.

The result was NLP, a theory of how people influence each other on subconscious



levels. NLP boiled it all down to techniques anyone could learn. The methods were clearly manipulative and seemed powerfully effective as well.

"It was so basic," said Robert Dilts, a top NLP practitioner who met Bandler and Grinder in the mid-1970s. "It was the kind of thing I'd think Aristotle would come up with."

The new techniques hit the world of psychotherapy like a bomb. Therapists flocked to Santa Cruz for training. Many said NLP helped their work.

Others were skeptical, saying NLP's claims were melodramatic and hadn't been proven. At one point, Grinder reportedly claimed he could teach an interviewer to play chess like Anatoly Karpov.

Bandler and Grinder didn't stop there. They taught NLP to salespeople, corporate executives, real estate agents and attorneys, claiming the techniques could sell air conditioners as well as therapy. NLP was even marketed as a way to help lawyers influence judges and juries.

### Explosive ideas

These ideas were so explosive that NLP was soon attacked as a method of mind control. "The technique threatens to become a hazardous tool for personal manipulation and, in the wrong hands, a dangerous instrument of social control," Science Digest warned darkly in 1979.

Bandler and Grinder shrugged off the attacks, saying that people manipulate each other all the time and that they should at least understand how the process works.

From the beginning of the partnership, the men seemed to complement each other. While Grinder's creativity was logical and systematic, Bandler's was outrageous and unpredictable, said Dilts, their longtime colleague.

Bandler's mercurial style either charmed people or drove them away. Friends say he could be flip and obnoxious one minute, witty and kind the next. Many people liked his playful, rebellious streak, which prompted him to make fun of things in outrageous ways. Nothing was sacred -- not psychotherapy, Gestalt, transactional analysis, even NLP.

"If he was hanging around with vegetarians, he'd probably eat only meat -- just to tweak them," Dilts said. "If I said, 'Gee, Richard, I gotta go at a certain time,' he'd try to make sure I'd stay longer."

Dilts came to think of Bandler as resembling the Mozart character in the movie Amadeus.

### 'Hurt very easily'

"He's brash; he's brilliant; he's unconventional, and he does things to spite people. He's also very sensitive and can be hurt very easily. If he hurts someone else's feelings, he'll do anything to make it up to them. Then he'll turn around and hurt them again without realizing it."

In the early 1980s, the Bandler-Grinder partnership dissolved. Bandler and his wife, therapist Leslie Cameron- Bandler, divorced about the same time.

It was an extremely painful period for Bandler, who retired to Hawaii for several years.

About two years ago, he returned to Santa Cruz and resumed his seminars. Grinder was also giving seminars, working independently.

Bandler rented a modest house in Live Oak, an unincorporated area near Santa Cruz.

Neighbors say James Marino built the house and lived there for a while.

A woman named Suzanne Cutter moved in with Bandler. Neighbors say they never saw her.

What they saw were sudden installations of security: bars and heavy shades on the windows, black plastic taped over the skylights and outdoor floodlights that flicked on at night by automatic timer.

"I asked Jim (Marino) what was going on," said a neighbor, who asked not to be identified. "He said they were night people."

A trained German shepherd guarded the property. Neighbors say limousines arrived at all hours of the day and night, along with taxicabs, Porsches and BMWs. Visitors would stay from five minutes to a few hours.

Coming and going

"I always thought there were some drugs coming in and out of that place," neighbor George Latorraca said. "There were too many people coming and going. And not staying."

Sheriff's investigators won't say if they found drugs in Bandler's house. They do say they found "a quantity" of guns -- and that Bandler seemed to have "an affinity for weapons."

About six months ago, Corine Christensen moved into a condominium down the street. She "appeared to entertain a lot of men," a neighbor said.

Expensive cars were often seen in her driveway, and the visitors did not stay long, the neighbor said. Marino, on the other hand, visited frequently.

About a month before the killing, the couple had a screaming fight, the neighbor said. Marino's visits gradually ceased.

A few days before the killing, Marino was mysteriously beaten up, sheriff's investigators say. There are reports that Marino thinks Christensen arranged the beating.

The day before the killing, a dark-haired man on a motorcycle appeared at Christensen's house and drew her into an intense conversation.

"It seemed he was insisting on something, and she was trying to assure him that whatever he was insisting on would happen," the neighbor said.



Familiar face

Two days later, the neighbor saw Bandler's picture in the paper. He looked just like the man on the motorcycle, he said.

Now, as Bandler begins his third week in jail, supporters and students wonder what will happen to him and to NLP.

Some say they will never believe he did it. Others say they don't know what to think.

Doubters mention Bandler's quick temper and confrontational style. "He has a monumental ego. He's known for never backing down," one said.

Bandler has often acknowledged this, boasting that he learned his toughness in childhood.

"If you confront some people, they will kill you -- even over a ham sandwich. I know that from where I grew up," he wrote in his most recent book, "Using Your Brain -- for a Change."

NLP devotees also worry that Bandler's arrest will cause the public to discredit his work. That, they say, would be wrong and unfair.

Bandler "has helped people immeasurably," said one student. "It's like if we suddenly discovered that Einstein in his later years had become a child molester. That wouldn't negate the theory of relativity."

### **Caption: Richard Bandler**

. . . Helped cure phobias

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### **DEFENDANT'S FRIEND SAYS HE CLOSED EYES, HEARD SLAYING**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

A man who said he had been a longtime friend of murder defendant **Richard Bandler** testified Monday that he saw the famed psychotherapist put a gun to the victim's head, then closed his eyes and heard the gunshot that took the woman's life.

James Marino, 54, testified as the preliminary hearing on the murder charge against Bandler, 37, got under way Monday afternoon. The hearing is scheduled to continue at

11 a.m. today.

Marino, who told Santa Cruz County Municipal Court Judge Tom Kelly that he had known Bandler for 12 years, was the second witness. He followed sheriff's Sgt. Craig Little, who described finding the body of Corine Christensen last November in the dining area of her home in the Live Oak area just east of Santa Cruz.

Marino testified that he had spent the night at Bandler's home, expecting his friend to drive him to a doctor's office so he could be treated for a head injury. He said he was awakened by Bandler the morning of the shooting.

Asked by Deputy District Attorney Gary Fry what Bandler had said when he awakened him, Marino testified: "He said, 'Do you want to know the answer?' " Speaking in a quiet, halting manner, Marino said he accompanied Bandler to Christensen's home, thinking they were going instead to visit a doctor. But once at the woman's home, he said, he became afraid.

"I told Richard, 'I don't want to be here,' " Marino said. "That's when the gun came out."

He said Bandler, who gained a national reputation as a psychotherapist in the 1970s for developing Neuro-Linguistic Programming -- a form of therapy -- had pulled an automatic pistol.

"Richard locked the door . . . and put the gun to my head," Marino said. "He told me, 'The three of us are not going to leave this house alive.' "

Marino said he attempted to calm down Christensen, then heard Bandler say to the woman, "You messed with my daughter."

Asked whether Bandler had a daughter, Marino quietly said, "No."

The witness, who did not mention drugs despite Little's testimony that cocaine paraphernalia was found at the victim's home, said Bandler "was waving the gun around. I headed toward the couch. . . . I wanted to lie down."

Soon, he said, he saw Bandler using a knife to saw the top off a liquid soap bottle, apparently to fashion a silencer to be used with another gun, a .357-caliber Magnum six-shot revolver.

That is the gun, Marino testified, that Bandler used to shoot Christensen in the head. And that is the gun, he said, that he dropped into the waters of Monterey Bay after being driven to the Capitola Wharf by Bandler following the shooting.

But before the murder, Marino said, he "wandered around the house," looking for a way to escape. He said he tried to open the garage door, but the opening device wasn't working. He testified that Bandler helped him back to the couch in the living room, not far from the dining area where Christensen's body was subsequently found.

Saying several times that he felt fear during the morning at Christensen's house, Marino testified that he looked up from the couch. Bandler, he said, was sitting at the dining room table, as was Christensen.

"I saw Richard put the gun to Corine's head," he said. He testified that he then closed his



eyes and heard a gunshot.

"I opened my eyes and saw her going backwards," he said.

In answer to a question from Fry, Marino testified that Bandler had used the revolver to shoot the woman.

"I got up from the couch and started walking for the door. I thought he was going to shoot me," Marino said.

But instead, he said, Bandler helped him into the car, then drove around, eventually to the Capitola Wharf. He said he didn't know where the automatic pistol was, but assumed that Bandler still had it with him.

The pair drove to another woman's house, then "picked up this fellow Floyd." He said that eventually Floyd drove him to the home of a chiropractor, who drove him to a doctor's office for treatment of his head injury.

Then, Marino said, he fell asleep for about two hours.

"I woke up," he whispered, "thinking it was all a dream."

But he called a lawyer who was a friend -- J.D. Wells of Soquel -- who picked him up. They drove back to Christensen's home, and Wells went inside.

When the attorney came back out, Marino told the court, "He said, 'It's no dream.' "

Marino said Wells then called police.

### **Caption: Richard Bandler**

... In court in 1986

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### **AFRAID TO FLEE, SLAYING WITNESS SAYS**

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BOB LEVY, Mercury News Staff Writer

The man who says he witnessed Corine Christensen's death testified Monday that after the killing he made no effort to escape, or report the crime -- or do much of anything -- because at the time "I feared for my life."

James Marino gave that as his reason, for example, when the attorney for murder suspect **Richard Bandler** asked him why he did not take advantage of several chances

to flee.

Bandler, 37, who became nationally known a decade ago for a form of psychotherapy he developed known as Neuro-Linguistic Programming, is accused of shooting Christensen to death last Nov. 3 at her home in the Live Oak area near Santa Cruz.

Marino, 54, was testifying for the sixth day at Bandler's preliminary hearing before Municipal Court Judge Tom Kelly. Purpose of the hearing is to determine if there is enough evidence to put Bandler on trial for murder in Superior Court.

Marino also testified Monday that both he and Christensen were drug dealers -- principally cocaine -- and that Bandler was a heavy cocaine user. He said that Christensen would "ration out" an ounce of cocaine a week -- approximately \$900 to \$1,200 worth, he estimated -- to Bandler.

Marino repeated his story that Bandler had driven him to Christensen's house the morning of the killing, and that while he, Marino, was lying on a couch suffering from the effects of an earlier head injury, Bandler put a gun to the woman's head and shot her. Marino said he closed his eyes just before the gun went off, and when he opened them, Christensen was falling backward onto the floor.

Bandler's attorney, Gerald Schwartzbach of San Francisco, has suggested all along that his client is innocent and that it was Marino who killed his former girlfriend, Christensen.

In answering Schwartzbach's questions with what appeared to be reluctance, Marino said that after the shooting he got up and tried to walk out of the house because he no longer cared what Bandler would do to him.

He didn't make it out, he said, because the door was locked, but it was then he said that he started doing Bandler's bidding out of fear.

For example, Schwartzbach asked Marino why, when Bandler drove him to the Capitola Wharf and told him to throw the murder weapon in Monterey Bay, he didn't just run away.

"Where was I going to run to?" Marino responded. He said even though he had the gun, Bandler had another one in the car. "I couldn't go anywhere except onto the wharf."

Schwartzbach asked him why he didn't tell two people on the wharf what had happened, that there was a killer in the car and ask them to call police.

"I was afraid for my life, and theirs, if I created a scene."

Asked if Bandler at any time threatened his life, Marino said only, "I don't know."

Asked whether he had questioned Bandler about why he had shot Christensen, he said, "I don't think so. I was afraid for my life."

According to Marino's testimony, Bandler did nothing to him after the shooting -- and did not prevent him from eventually going off on his own.

Schwartzbach also dipped into the subject of how Marino felt about Bandler, whom

Marino called a longtime friend. The attorney asked if before Christensen's death, Marino had decided he no longer liked Bandler.

"No, that's not the case," he said.

Then Schwartzbach asked if he had told anyone he no longer respected Bandler. Marino at first said, "No," but when the attorney read him an excerpt from an investigation transcript in which Marino said just that, the witness acknowledged it was true.

Marino also admitted that he believed people tried to take advantage of him when he was "down." And he agreed that at the time of the killing he was feeling down because of his injuries -- suffered in a beating a few days earlier.

But when Schwartzbach asked him whether he believed Bandler was one of those who was trying to take advantage of him, Marino denied it.

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**San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

## **BANDLER BOUND FOR MURDER TRIAL**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

Even while questioning whether there was sufficient evidence to convict **Richard Bandler** of homicide, a Santa Cruz County Municipal Court judge has ordered the well-known psychotherapist to stand trial on a charge of murder.

Judge Tom Kelly has ordered Bandler, 37, to stand trial for the slaying of Corine Christensen at her Live Oak town house last November. Bandler, co-founder of Neuro-Linguistic Programming therapy, is accused of shooting the 31-year-old woman in the head.

He will be arraigned in Superior Court at 8:30 a.m. May 7.

Kelly said he would not have been able to convict Bandler if the hearing had been a court trial instead. But, said the judge, he felt there was some circumstantial evidence presented during the hearing that made him feel there was sufficient reason to hold Bandler to answer the homicide charge in Superior Court.

One of those pieces of evidence, according to the judge, was the discovery of some ammunition in Bandler's vehicle that was "consistent with the ammunition found in the body" of the victim.

**November 3, 1987**



**REPORTER'S NOTES SUBPOENAED FOR SANTA CRUZ MURDER TRIAL**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

As the lengthy jury selection process was about to begin in Santa Cruz on Monday in the murder trial of well-known psychologist **Richard Bandler**, lawyers and the judge discussed the defense's request for a Mercury News staff writer's notes.

Bandler, 37, is charged with shooting to death a 28-year-old Capitola woman a year ago. The victim, Corine Christensen, has been described as a prostitute and cocaine dealer. The prosecution has charged that Bandler shot her at her Live Oak condominium.

Defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach, who says he and his client believe that the murderer was James Marino -- the key prosecution witness -- has subpoenaed notes and tapes of an interview with Marino by Mercury News reporter Kathy Holub. Her article on the Bandler case will appear Sunday in West Magazine.

Ed Davis, a lawyer for the Mercury News, told Superior Court Judge Chris Cottle that he planned to file motions to suppress the subpoenas of Holub and Mercury News Executive Editor Robert D. Ingle. The judge told Schwartzbach to be prepared to respond to the motions by next Monday and indicated that he will discuss the issue of Holub's notes and tapes with the attorneys on Nov. 17.

In the meantime, Cottle said, jury selection will continue. He said potential jurors will be given a questionnaire to get information that lawyers might otherwise have to spend time asking jurors for one at a time.

Later, the judge said, lawyers will have an opportunity -- as requested by the defense -- to question individual potential jurors privately.

Davis said outside the courtroom that the Mercury News argument against the subpoenas would be based at least in part on California's so-called shield law, which is designed to protect journalists and their sources as well as unpublished materials, such as notes and tapes gathered by journalists.

Schwartzbach told Judge Cottle that no matter which way he rules on the motions to quash the subpoenas, the issue would probably be appealed.

Marino testified during the preliminary hearing that he was present when Bandler shot Christensen.

Schwartzbach said he wanted Holub's notes and tapes because "it is our contention that Mr. Marino was the murderer."

[November 8, 1987 fehlt (oder wurde per Zufall hier nicht mit downgeloadet)]

**November 8, 1987. San Jose MERCURY News, WEST Magazine: "MIND OVER MURDER", by Kathy Holub (excerpts follow):**

"He (Bandler) started working with the U.S. Army and the Central Intelligence Agency, doing projects on post Vietnam stress syndrome (*P.T.S.D. - post traumatic stress disorder. Certainly not confined to Vietnam veterans, or the military experience, or this century or millennium, for that matter. It's a newly acknowledged science, less than twenty years old <at the time of this 1997 writing>; of evaluating and measuring ongoing mental disorders originally imparted by severe psychological and/or physical trauma*), and marksmanship (especially with handguns - Bandler owns eleven pistols). Kathy Holub's prophetically self-fulfilling, neurolinguistically programming title - MIND OVER MURDER - continues: "He did some highly sensitive work for the C.I.A. on training potential hostages to withstand torture and interrogation.

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**November 18, 1987**

**San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

## **REPORTER'S NOTES HELD PRIVILEGED**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

The judge in a Santa Cruz murder case, saying that California voters had granted journalists an "absolute privilege" against being forced to turn over their unpublished information, ruled Tuesday that the Mercury News does not have to give the defense lawyer notes and tapes relating to the case.

Superior Court Judge Chris Cottle granted two motions by Edward P. Davis, Mercury News attorney, asking that subpoenas against a staff writer and the executive editor of the paper be quashed. The defense had sought notes and tapes collected by Kathy Holub in reporting an article for the paper's West Magazine.

Defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach, representing murder defendant **Richard Bandler**, had sought to have the court order Holub and Executive Editor Robert D. Ingle to turn over the material.

Bandler, 37, co-founder of the Neuro-Linguistic Programming field of psychology, is charged with the murder of a woman in her Live Oak condominium, near Santa Cruz, about a year ago. Since her death, the victim, Corine Christensen, 28, has been labeled a prostitute and cocaine dealer.

Holub, whose article on the Bandler case appeared in West on Nov. 8, interviewed key prosecution witness James Marino before writing the story. Schwartzbach had

attempted through the subpoenas to get notes and tapes of that interview.

Marino, who testified during the preliminary hearing that he was present when Christensen was shot to death, has not appeared as ordered at any of the Superior Court proceedings that began earlier this month with jury selection for Bandler's trial.

A bench warrant has been issued for Marino's arrest.

Schwartzbach has said that he and Bandler believe Marino was, in fact, the killer. He argued Tuesday that Holub's notes and tapes could be crucial to discrediting Marino's testimony against Bandler.

Schwartzbach said after Cottle's decision Tuesday that his "current inclination" is to appeal the ruling.

Meanwhile, jury selection has been proceeding and testimony is expected to begin Nov. 30.

On Tuesday, Schwartzbach argued that journalists in California do not have an "absolute privilege" against revealing sources and specifically have no such privilege that allows them to keep unpublished material such as notes secret. "Privileges sometime have to yield," the defense lawyer said, "when there may be some competing societal interest." He criticized the Mercury News position, which he described as saying that "privilege . . . is absolute, regardless of any circumstances. No appellate court has ever said that."

He pointed to decisions by a state Court of Appeal as well as by the U.S. Supreme Court that a defendant's right to due process -- and to a fair trial -- takes precedence over the right of a journalist to keep his or her notes confidential.

"The Supreme Court," Schwartzbach argued, "has said that a reporter's privilege granted by a state legislature has to yield to the U.S. Constitution."

Also, Schwartzbach argued, there is no question in this case of keeping a source confidential.

"Everyone knows that the source is James Marino," he said. "And from all appearances, James Marino gave a non- confidential interview."

He argued that "there is no breach of faith" such as might occur by revealing the name of a confidential source and said he thought the newspaper was merely trying to protect a principle.

"The U.S. Constitution doesn't exist to protect principles," Schwartzbach said. "It exists to protect people."

Davis compared the journalists' privilege, put into the California Constitution by voters, with the attorney-client and spousal privileges -- under which lawyers cannot be compelled to reveal information given them by clients and under which spouses cannot be compelled to testify against one another. He said such privileges "have been held inviolable" by numerous courts.

Also, Davis said, "The question . . . is whether the defendant's assertion of Sixth



Amendment rights, his due process rights . . . always take precedence" over a journalists rights as defined in the state constitution and referred to as the "shield law."

"The law," Davis said, "is clear that they do not."

Cottle told Schwartzbach that he felt there was sufficient information for jurors to consider about Marino without Holub's notes. He pointed to "hundreds of pages" of testimony by Marino at the preliminary hearing and to Marino's quotes in the West Magazine article, which the judge branded as "sensationalistic."

Cottle said he believed that if Marino had said anything else important to the case, "I am confident you would have seen it in black and white" in the West article.

"What interest are we protecting?" Schwartzbach asked the judge.

"We're protecting an interest the people of California have decided is a paramount interest," the judge replied, pointing to the shield law.

Finally, before granting the Mercury News motions, Judge Cottle said:

"There is no question . . . but that the intent of this constitutional amendment was to provide for an absolute privilege. The question first of all is whether the privilege must yield to the defendant's Sixth amendment rights. I don't know what the answer is. But I am very, very comfortable in saying that the defendant has not met his burden" that his right to a fair trial should supercede the journalists' privilege.

**Caption: Richard Bandler** is accused of murdering a woman in Santa Cruz last year

**December 2, 1987**

**San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

## **TRIAL STARTS WITHOUT KEY WITNESS BANDLER'S LAWYER PROMISES TO PROVE HIS CLIENT WAS FRAMED**

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ANN W. O'NEILL, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

Only two people know what really happened inside the Santa Cruz area townhouse where Corine Christensen died the morning of Nov. 3, 1986. One of them is charged with murder, and the other -- the chief witness against him -- is missing.

The accused man, psychologist **Richard Bandler**, will tell the jury his version of events surrounding Christensen's shooting death, defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach said Tuesday during opening arguments in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

Bandler, 37, made a national name for himself in the 1970s by developing Neuro-

Linguistic Programming, a controversial form of psychotherapy that emphasizes language and other subconscious signals as a way of influencing people. When he takes the witness stand, Bandler is expected to break his public silence and tell his story for the first time.

Schwartzbach promised jurors that, when all is said and done, the accusatory finger will point away from Bandler and toward James Marino, the missing prosecution witness. Schwartzbach said the evidence will show that Marino "stated his intention to set up **Richard Bandler**."

Marino, 54, told police before disappearing that he accompanied Bandler to Christensen's home early Nov. 3. He said he believed Bandler was taking him to a doctor for treatment of a head injury he suffered during a beating several days earlier.

Marino said he watched from a couch as Bandler, his friend of 12 years, fashioned a silencer from a bottle of lemon-scented Mr. Clean detergent and pointed a gun at Christensen, Marino's former girlfriend.

Marino said he closed his eyes and heard a gun go off. When he opened his eyes, Marino said, Christensen was slumping backward. Marino said he later threw the gun off the Capitola wharf at Bandler's request because he was afraid of Bandler.

Marino told the story at a preliminary hearing, and the hundreds of transcribed pages of testimony from that hearing may be the most that prosecutor Gary Fry will get from his star witness.

Fry told the jury that, even without Marino, the physical evidence in the case points to Bandler. Christensen's blood was found on Bandler's clothes, along with traces of Mr. Clean. A gun recovered by police smelled of lemon cleanser, supporting Marino's story about the detergent bottle silencer.

Schwartzbach, in his opening argument, called Marino's preliminary hearing testimony "a pack of lies by a sick and dangerous man." He told the jury he wished Marino would appear so he could be exposed as a liar.

"I'd like him to show. . . . There's nothing like a living, breathing James Marino," Schwartzbach said. "I'd like you to be able to see him. But whether he testifies by a transcript being read or if he testifies, he will lie to you." The defense attorney described Marino as a "paranoid, dangerous" cocaine dealer and convicted felon. He said Marino believed that Christensen was being manipulated by Bandler. Marino was jealous of Christensen and, believing she was taking six or seven sexual partners a day, was angered by her "insatiable sexual appetite."

Schwartzbach said Marino believed that she was returning to her former activity of prostitution and feared he "might get AIDS from her." He said Marino also believed that Bandler and Christensen were conspiring against him and planned to blackmail him or have him killed.

Both Christensen and Marino were cocaine dealers, and Bandler was a heavy user whom they supplied, Marino testified at the preliminary hearing. Schwartzbach said Marino had plenty of motive to kill Christensen.

Prosecutor Fry did not suggest a motive for Bandler.

Much of the first day of testimony was dedicated to setting the scene. A former boyfriend of Christensen's and a neighbor said she was alive and in front of her home shortly before 6 a.m. the day she died.

The former boyfriend, Rey Fernando, said he left her home after Christensen received a telephone call at about 5:30 a.m. The neighbor said he saw her walking down the street at about 5:45 a.m.

Dr. William Dunn, a former friend of Marino's, said he spoke with Bandler about Marino's head injury several times during the night and morning of Nov. 2 and 3, while Bandler sat up with Marino. He last spoke with Bandler about 3 a.m. When he called again at 7 a.m. there was no answer at Bandler's home, Dunn said. Testimony resumes today.

### **Caption: Richard Bandler**

. . . Psychologist on trial

**December 4, 1987**

**San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

### **TRIAL LOOKS AT AUTOPSY TESTS INDICATE BANDLER'S ROLE**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

Lawyers in the **Richard Bandler** murder trial Thursday questioned the physician who performed the autopsy on the victim about "blowback" -- a phenomenon in which particles of tissue and blood explode outward from a body an instant after it is struck by a bullet.

Prosecutor Gary Fry, who called Dr. Richard Mason to the stand, is attempting to show that tiny bits of blood and tissue on a T-shirt he says the defendant was wearing indicate that Bandler was the trigger man. Bandler is charged with the murder in November of last year of Corine Christensen in her Live Oak condominium unit.

Bandler, through his attorney, has said the crime was committed by James Marino, who was present when the shooting took place. Marino, who testified at a preliminary hearing that Bandler did the shooting, has been missing since the trial began last month.

Videotape of murder scene

The pathologist -- known around the courthouse as "Doc" Mason -- said he performed the autopsy on Christensen on Nov. 4, 1986, the day after the slaying. His testimony followed the showing of a videotape taken at the scene of the crime showing the condominium and Christensen's body.



Mason, who said he has performed some 6,000 autopsies in his career and is also an expert on weapons and ballistics, told the jury that he believes the muzzle of the gun was no farther than a half inch from the victim's face when it was fired.

Although defense lawyer Gerald Schwartzbach pointed out that in his autopsy report the pathologist estimated that distance at one to two inches, Mason said he now feels the gun was closer to the victim's face.

#### Gun held against face

He said he believes the gun was held against or very near the left side of Christensen's face and noted that the slug cut a groove along her nose at the left nostril. Also, Mason testified, powder burns confined to the left side of the face indicate that the muzzle of the weapon was between the tip of Christensen's nose and her cheek, with the nose acting as a dam to prevent powder burns on the other side of the face.

Schwartzbach, however, showed the physician a photo of the dead woman and asked about "stippling" on both sides of the face. This phenomenon, the doctor had testified, is caused by tiny grains of gunpowder that leave the barrel of a gun just after the bullet.

#### Gun pointed by her nose

Noting that most of the stippling is on the left side of the face, Mason said he still believes the muzzle of the weapon was at the left side of Christensen's nose.

Mason also said he believed the bullet was a .38-caliber Special slug fired from a Colt .357-caliber Magnum revolver, although he said it could also have been a .357 bullet. The rifling on the inside of a Colt gun barrel is distinctive, he said, and the rifling grooves on the bullet indicate that it came from a Colt weapon.

Discussing "blowback," Mason said his microscopic look at the T-shirt the prosecution contends Bandler was wearing turned up tiny spots of blood and human tissue. The blood and tissue had splashed onto the left lower front of the shirt, he said.

In response to a question by Fry, Mason said the blowback pattern was different than what would have resulted had the shirt been smeared after direct contact with the victim's body.

Schwartzbach, as he began cross-examination of the doctor Thursday afternoon, wondered if someone sitting nearby might not get splattered with blood and tissue as a result of blowback even if he were not the one who fired the gun. "That is correct," Mason.

At one point, Mason told the courtroom that he had performed experiments about blowback using pigs' heads. Also, he responded to a question from Schwartzbach, he had "done other ballistics research" with live pigs.

"But blowbackwise," he said, "only with pig heads."

The pathologist also said the trajectory of the slug through Christensen's head was upward at a 25-degree angle and to the right side of her head at a 50-degree angle. He agreed with Schwartzbach that he was unable to determine which way the woman was

facing or tilting her head when she was shot.

**December 7, 1987**

**San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

### **SEARCH FOR WITNESS DELAYS MURDER TRIAL**

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Mercury News Staff Report

The **Richard Bandler** murder trial will be on hold this week to allow the prosecutor and his investigators to hunt for their key witness in the case.

Although under orders to appear at all proceedings in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court case, the witness, James Marino, failed to show up when jury selection began last month and has not been seen since. Judge Chris Cottle issued a bench warrant for Marino, a 54-year-old admitted cocaine dealer, who testified during a preliminary hearing that he was present when Bandler shot Corine Christensen on Nov. 3, 1986.

Cottle granted the delay to give Gary Fry, the assistant district attorney prosecuting the case, another chance to track down Marino. Both Fry and defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach have said they would prefer to have Marino on the stand rather than have his testimony at the preliminary hearing read into the record of the trial.

Schwartzbach and Bandler, 37, contend that Marino -- contrary to the story he told officers and the judge at the preliminary hearing -- actually killed Christensen at her Live Oak townhouse.

The trial got under way last week, with testimony from sheriff's investigators and from the county pathologist.

The next scheduled session of the trial is Dec. 14.

**December 12, 1987**

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### **KEY WITNESS SURRENDERS IN BANDLER MURDER TRIAL**

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DELIA M. RIOS, Mercury News Staff Writer

James Marino, the key witness in the **Richard Bandler** murder trial, surrendered to

district attorney's investigators Thursday after disappearing because he "feared for his own safety."

Marino was persuaded to surrender after lengthy discussions with his attorney, who convinced him to come out of hiding and testify, according to Santa Cruz County Deputy District Attorney Gary Fry.

"Marino told district attorney investigators that he failed to appear (in court) because he feared for his own safety and because he was not confident that Santa Cruz law enforcement authorities would provide sufficient protection," Fry said in a written statement.

"He expects to detail those fears when he testifies in the case," Fry said. Marino is in custody, Fry said, but he would not disclose his whereabouts. He was arrested Thursday afternoon after surrendering.

Marino testified at a preliminary hearing that he was present when Bandler -- who achieved national renown as the developer of a form of psychotherapy known as Neuro-Linguistic Programming -- shot and killed Corine Christensen at her Santa Cruz area apartment on Nov. 3, 1986.

Marino is expected to testify when Bandler's trial resumes after a week's delay, granted to give investigators time to find their star witness.

Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Chris Cottle issued a bench warrant for Marino's arrest when he failed to show up as ordered at the beginning of the trial last month.

Marino, a 54-year-old admitted cocaine dealer, also testified at the preliminary hearing that he and Bandler had been close friends, but that he failed to report the killing immediately because he was afraid of Bandler.

Bandler, 37, and his attorney, M. Gerard Schwartzbach, have contended that it was Marino who shot Christensen.

Both Fry and Schwartzbach have said that they preferred to have Marino testify in person, rather than have his previous testimony read to the jury.

On Friday, Schwartzbach said he was "delighted" that Marino had been found. "I think the jury can only get the flavor for James Marino by seeing and hearing him," Schwartzbach said.

Fry said that the district attorney's office made an extensive effort to locate Marino and to persuade him to surrender.

"We did not want this jury to be forced to make a decision in a case as important as this based on a phantom witness," Fry said.

Testimony in the trial has already been taken from sheriff's investigators and the county pathologist.

The trial is scheduled to resume Monday at 10 a.m. in Cottle's courtroom.



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## KEY MURDER TRIAL WITNESS TESTIFIES

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

Saying that he was "still afraid for my life," the key witness in the **Richard Bandler** murder trial testified Tuesday that he became a fugitive because "somebody wanted me dead."

James Marino, 55, who testified Monday that he was at the Live Oak town house of Corine Christensen when the woman was shot to death Nov. 3, 1986, told defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach on Tuesday he fled the area because he "wasn't going to get the protection I had asked for" after telling his story to law enforcement officers.

Marino, who testified at the preliminary hearing for Bandler earlier this year, became a fugitive last month when he failed to show up as ordered for the beginning of the trial. Santa Cruz County authorities caught up with him last Thursday.

Schwartzbach, who represents Bandler, began cross-examining Marino after prosecutor Gary Fry ended his questioning Tuesday morning. Fry's questions centered on the events following the shooting, which Marino described Monday. Marino -- who testified Bandler shot Christensen -- said that after the shooting he and Bandler drove to the Capitola Wharf, where, at Bandler's order, he tossed the gun into the Monterey Bay. Then, he said, the pair drove to several homes in Live Oak. Eventually, he said, he fell asleep at a friend's house.

Did he tell people he saw during that period about the shooting? asked Schwartzbach. "No," replied the witness.

Why not?

"It was like it was just a dream," replied Marino, saying he wasn't even certain at that time that the shooting had actually occurred. At one point during that day, he testified, "I woke up with a nightmare of seeing Corine shot."

But when he accompanied a friend to Christensen's house, the friend entered, then came out and told him, "It's not a dream."

Marino, who once again admitted that he had made his living selling cocaine, told the court he had been given a limited grant of immunity. He said he had been promised that he would not be prosecuted for any drug possession or sales prior to the murder.

Nonetheless, he told Schwartzbach, that he subsequently began to fear the Santa Cruz

County District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department. He said he was told by a friend named "Leland" that the district attorney's office didn't want the case prosecuted and wanted him dead.

Asking about statements Marino made to an investigator after he returned last week, Schwartzbach wondered if the witness had said there was a \$25,000 contract on his head. Marino said, yes, and that he had learned of this from a man named Jerry.

He also said that he had told the same investigator that he had been offered \$25,000 to "take a hike" and not be available to testify in the trial.

He denied, under questioning by the defense attorney, that he had tried to solicit \$25,000 from Bandler to vanish and not be available to testify for the prosecution.

Marino said he quit being a fugitive not because he believed that law enforcement was about to catch up with him but because "I didn't want to look over my shoulder for the rest of my life."

He also said his own lawyer told him to surrender to help the prosecution in its case against Bandler.

### **Caption: Richard Bandler**

. . . Defendant

**January 7, 1988**

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### **MURDER SUSPECT'S GIRLFRIEND TESTIFIES**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

Murder suspect **Richard Bandler** spent most of the day of the slaying of a Live Oak prostitute in bed snorting cocaine with his girlfriend, the 33-year-old woman testified in Santa Cruz on Wednesday.

Paula McFarland, who said she has been the defendant's girlfriend on and off for several years, testified in a shaky voice that Bandler and his friend James Marino came to her Capitola home early on the morning of Nov. 3, 1986. It was that same morning that Corine Christensen, 28, was shot to death in her townhouse.

Bandler was arrested and charged with the fatal shooting that evening. But his lawyer, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, has said he believes that Marino, not his client, pulled the trigger.

McFarland, on the verge of tears at times, was called by Gary Fry, the assistant district attorney prosecuting her boyfriend. She wore a blue dress with a white lace collar and a strand of pearls and black patent leather shoes as she told of a night of drinking and partying with a woman friend and of spending the next day in bed snorting cocaine with Bandler.

In response to questions from Fry, McFarland testified that she was with Bandler when he was arrested at her home the evening of Nov. 3. She said Bandler and Marino had come to her home at 6:30 or 7 a.m. They went to visit her brother-in-law together, she said, and then Marino left. She said she mixed her boyfriend a drink, "probably a martini," then called a friend and asked her to bring over some cocaine.

"We stayed in bed," she testified, saying they used a half-gram of cocaine during the day. She told the jury that Bandler made no mention of Christensen's death and, under questioning by Fry, also said he had not called police during the day.

She said she was upset and shocked when officers appeared at her home that evening to arrest Bandler.

Asked by the prosecutor whether she had lied to officers shortly after Bandler was arrested, McFarland admitted that she had given her lover a phony alibi. But, she said later under questioning by Schwartzbach, she had subsequently told investigators about her lie and has since been telling the truth.

"I didn't understand what was going on . . . I was totally shocked . . . I was confused, I was shocked," McFarland told Schwartzbach under cross-examination. "I was trying to protect him, I guess," she said, explaining her original lie to the arresting officers after they had entered her house with drawn guns.

Also, she said, she was "extremely nervous," had a hangover from the night before and was under the influence of the cocaine.

"Would you lie for Mr. Bandler if you felt he was a murderer?" asked the defense lawyer.

"No," replied McFarland in a strong voice, calling murder "a horrible crime."

She also told Bandler's lawyer that she would never allow her boyfriend, whom, she said, still spends much of his time with her, to be around her two children if she thought he were a killer.

McFarland, who said she works at a thrift shop in San Francisco that raises money for retarded people, was asked by the prosecutor whether she had called her ex-husband, asking him to come and get the two children and telling him that Bandler had confessed the murder to her.

In a strong voice, McFarland denied making such a call.

Under questioning by Bandler's attorney, she said she would never leave her two youngsters with her ex-husband because she was afraid of him.

After McFarland left the stand, a sheriff's investigator testified that he found a cocaine straw near Christensen's head on a dining room table, that he found a tequila bottle on

the table bearing Bandler's thumb print and that a nearby cigarette package had one of Marino's fingerprints on it.

**Caption: Richard Bandler**

. . . Accused of murder

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**MURDER SCENARIO REFUTED PATHOLOGIST: BLOOD WASN'T  
'BLOWBACK'**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

A defense pathologist testified Thursday that the blood and tissue found on a shirt worn by murder defendant **Richard Bandler** were not so-called "blowback," splattered material that the prosecution contends implicates Bandler as the killer.

Blowback, as defined by a medical examiner who appeared for the prosecution earlier in the trial, is material forced back out of an entrance wound in some shootings. In this case, that doctor had testified, the blood and tissue would have been forced back through the wound in the head of the victim, Corine Christensen.

Christensen, a prostitute and drug dealer, was shot to death in her Live Oak townhouse in November, 1986. Bandler was arrested later the same day and charged with her murder.

Explains shirt stains But Dr. Paul Herrmann, a forensic pathologist from Oakland, told a Santa Cruz County jury on Thursday that the material found on Bandler's shirt was not blowback, but some other material.

The point is crucial in the case:

If jurors believe Herrmann, it weakens the prosecution's argument that Bandler was sprayed with the blood and tissue because he shot her.

Bandler, who is expected to testify later in the trial, and his attorney contend that key prosecution witness James Marino was the actual killer. Marino has testified that he was present when Bandler shot Christensen.

The prosecution's pathologist, Dr. Richard Mason, testified that the blood and other tissue on a T-shirt worn by Bandler indicated that he had been extremely close to Christensen at the instant the weapon was fired.

He said that gases escaping from the pistol would have entered her head, become



trapped between the skin and the skull, and would have blown back out the entrance wound, splattering anyone directly in front of her.

Gun said to be close Mason said the pistol was almost on Christensen's face when the fatal shot was fired. He said the "stippling" of the face by smoke and powder flecks from the weapon indicated that the muzzle of the gun was between the tip of her nose and her left cheek when she was shot.

But Herrmann said Thursday that the stippling pattern indicated the gun was probably 4 or 5 inches away from Christensen's face.

The distance of the muzzle from Christensen's head is key, he said, because blowback does not occur if the gun is not extremely close to the skull when the trigger is pulled.

Herrmann said his examination of the material on the shirt led him to believe that Bandler was sprayed with blood and other material being expelled from the dying woman's mouth and nose after she was shot. He said some of the material was consistent with tissue from the respiratory passages of the nose and sinuses, not the type of matter that would be blown back onto a person firing a pistol into Christensen's head.

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## **FORENSIC TESTIMONY ENTERED IN SLAYING**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

**Illustration:** Photo

Testimony by forensic experts continued in Santa Cruz County Superior Court on Tuesday as the defense presented its case in the murder trial of **Richard Bandler**.

As the time drew near when the defendant is expected to testify, his lawyer brought one expert after another to the stand to discuss scientific aspects of the murder of Corine Christensen, a prostitute and cocaine dealer who was shot to death in her Live Oak townhouse on Nov. 3, 1986. The prosecution contends that Bandler shot her as she sat at her kitchen table, but the defense claims that James Marino, the key prosecution witness who says he was present at the murder, actually pulled the trigger.

On Tuesday, Dr. R. C. Baselt, a forensic and clinical toxicologist, testified that there was evidence in a sample of Bandler's blood that indicated that the defendant had used a relatively small amount of cocaine during the day following the shooting. That jibed with testimony from Bandler's girlfriend, who said last week that she and Bandler had spent the day in bed snorting the drug after he had come to her home the morning after the murder.

The girlfriend, Paula McFarland, denied on the stand that she had ever told anyone that

Bandler had confessed to her that he shot Christensen.

Baselt told defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach that his tests indicated that Bandler had not used a large amount of cocaine during the period before the slaying.

"If he had used the drug during that prior 24 hours," said the scientist, "it would have been a relatively small amount, maybe two or three recreational doses.

On Monday, another forensic scientist testified about the patterns of smoke and gunpowder on Christensen's face. Using 89 sheets of white paper through which he had fired more than 100 shots -- with a variety of guns and ammunition -- Lindberg Miller helped Schwartzbach try to convince the jury that the muzzle of the murder weapon was not almost against Christensen's face when she was shot, as the prosecution contends.

Instead, Miller said, the gun was probably 4 inches or more away from her face when the trigger was pulled.

Also back on the stand Monday was Harry Allison, the former husband of McFarland, Bandler's girlfriend. He reiterated his story that his ex-wife had told him that Bandler had confessed to her that he had killed Christensen.

During a brief moment of testimony Monday, Robert Sparling, an acquaintance of Marino, said he had heard Marino mumble during a period of coke-snorting and tequila swilling, "When I blew Corine . . . When Corine was blown away . . ." Despite what seemed to be a mumbled admission by Marino to Sparling that he, not Bandler, might have been the killer, neither the prosecutor nor most other observers in the courtroom paid much attention to Sparling's testimony.

In fact, asked what he thought of the mumbled statement, Sparling testified, "I really didn't want to hear it. It was a little out of my league."

**Caption:** Mercury News Library

Murder suspect **Richard Bandler**

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## **WITNESS MARINO SHOT WOMAN, BANDLER TESTIFIES**

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DELIA M. RIOS, Mercury News Staff Writer

Taking the stand in his own defense Wednesday, famed psychotherapist **Richard Bandler** accused the star witness in his murder trial of killing prostitute and cocaine dealer Corine Christensen.

Bandler recounted much of the same story of paranoia and violence that witness James Marino used to describe Christensen's Live Oak home before she was shot to death early on the morning of Nov. 3, 1986.

But in Bandler's version, it was Marino who was the killer.

Marino, he said, was agitated and abusive just before the shooting, ripping apart Christensen's stuffed animals and muttering to himself.

"Corine told me not to worry about it, that he'd cool out," Bandler said, matter-of-factly detailing the moments before her death. "Corine had been snorting cocaine through a straw and then Marino came downstairs. When I turned around, he had the gun out and he just fired it.

"She slumped over the table," Bandler said. "I jumped up. She was choking, and I reached out and lifted up her head and she was spitting up blood. It shocked me and I let go. And then she fell back to the table."

Under questioning from his attorney, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, Bandler said he panicked after the shooting and that when Marino walked out the door, he walked out behind him.

The shooting upset him so much, Bandler said, that he went home, drank gin and snorted cocaine to forget about it. But he didn't call the police.

"Frankly, it was kind of a dilemma," Bandler said. "On the one hand, James had killed Corine, but I didn't want to turn my friend in.

"I was very tired; I just wanted to push it out of my mind. I didn't want to think about it."

Wednesday's testimony in a Santa Cruz County courtroom marked the first time Bandler has spoken publicly about the slaying that led to his arrest.

Of Bandler's almost three-hour testimony, Assistant District Attorney Gary Fry said, "It's transparently false and I look forward to cross-examining him tomorrow."

Bandler was nationally renowned in the 1970s for Neuro- Linguistic Programming, a form of psychotherapy that he developed.

Bandler testified that he met Marino in the mid-1970s after Marino attended one of his seminars. But it wasn't until 1981 that the two men became friends. As described by both Bandler and Marino, it was a friendship partly based on drug use. Bandler has admitted using cocaine regularly. And Marino has testified that he and Christensen, his former girlfriend, dealt drugs, principally cocaine.

Both men also have testified that the other was paranoid and violent just before Christensen's death. Marino has claimed to be so afraid of Bandler that he disappeared shortly before he was supposed to take the stand against him last month.

Superior Court Judge Christopher Cottle granted the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office a delay in the trial after Marino disappeared. The witness eventually resurfaced and was persuaded to testify, after being reassured that he would be

protected.

According to Marino, Bandler was yelling at Christensen and threatening to kill them all the morning of the murder. Marino, who said he was lying on the couch because of pain from an earlier head injury, said he saw Bandler put a gun to Christensen's head. He closed his eyes just before the gun went off, Marino said, and when he opened them, Christensen was falling backward onto the floor. After the shooting, Marino said Bandler drove him to the Capitola Wharf, where he dropped the gun into the Monterey Bay.

That's not Bandler's story. He testified that it was Marino who was angry because he believed that Christensen had arranged to have him beaten and that "she was out to get him."

"He kept talking about how Corine was a black widow and that she had set him up," Bandler said.

Bandler said Marino commonly made statements like that and that he didn't believe him.

Bandler denied under questioning by his attorney that he had ever offered Marino money not to testify and said that he never attempted to have Marino harmed or killed.

When the trial resumes this morning in Santa Cruz County Superior Court, Bandler will again take the stand for questioning from the prosecutor.

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## **PROSECUTOR VS. BANDLER D.A. SEEKS TO SHOW ERRORS IN VERSION OF KILLING**

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Prosecutor Gary Fry pressed Bandler on the positions of the three people in Christensen's Live Oak townhouse at the time of the Nov. 3, 1986 shooting.

Bandler testified Wednesday that he had been talking to Christensen while she snorted cocaine at a table, when Marino -- Christensen's former boyfriend -- came downstairs and shot her.



Christensen, Bandler said, was looking at Marino, who was standing to the side of her.

If Christensen was sitting in that position, the prosecutor asked Bandler, why didn't she fall onto the floor, instead of face down on the table where she left a pool of blood?

"I don't know about those things," Bandler responded.

Fry also asked Bandler why he didn't bloody his long-sleeved shirt if he lifted Christensen's head by her chin after she was shot. He had testified that he picked up her head because she was choking.

"I don't know," Bandler answered.

As Fry led Bandler through the finer points of his Wednesday testimony, Bandler stuck to his story that Marino -- and not he -- was the killer.

Bandler calmly answered the prosecutor's questions in the Santa Cruz County courtroom packed with spectators and reporters. So many people tried to squeeze into the small courtroom that Superior Court Judge Christopher Cottle excluded those who couldn't find seats.

Bandler began his testimony Wednesday. It is the first time he has publicly spoken about the Christensen killing.

In the 1970s, Bandler was well known as one of the founders of Neuro-Linguistic Programming, a form of psychotherapy. Bandler has said that he met Marino at one of his seminars and that the two later became friends.

After Thursday's testimony ended, Bandler's attorney said he was "delighted" with Bandler's performance.

"I think that Mr. Bandler's testimony was cogent, he was intelligent and consistent with all the scientific and medical evidence that has been presented," said attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach. "And I think he was obviously telling the truth."

The prosecutor felt differently, however.

"The thing that sticks in the brain is the position he has Corine's body in," Fry said. "She should have fallen backwards on the floor. And we can tell from the amount and location of blood on the table that her head had to be over the table at the time the shot was fired."

According to Marino's story, Bandler shot Christensen as she was leaning over the table snorting cocaine. The murder, Marino has said, followed a violent outburst by Bandler, in which he threatened to kill them all.

However, Bandler has claimed that it was Marino who was in a rage just before the killing because he thought that Christensen had arranged to have him beaten.

Marino has professed to be so frightened of Bandler since the killing that he disappeared before he was scheduled to take the witness stand last month. The district attorney's office was given a week by Cottle to find Marino. Marino was eventually persuaded to

testify after receiving reassurance that his safety would be protected.

During Thursday's testimony, Bandler told the prosecutor that although he had just seen Marino kill Christensen, he wasn't afraid for his own safety.

Under Fry's questioning, Bandler said he didn't try to take cover or reach for the gun he had taken to Christensen's. And when Marino walked out the door after the killing, Bandler said he followed him.

Asked by Fry why he followed Marino, Bandler said, "It was instinct."

"It was instinct to follow a killer with a loaded gun in his hand?" Fry countered.

But Bandler insisted that he was not afraid.

Bandler said Wednesday that he didn't call police after the shooting because Marino was his friend and he didn't want to turn him in. On Thursday, he admitted that may have been a mistake.

"I wasn't thinking clearly," Bandler said. "I did not do the right thing." The trial will resume on Tuesday. Cottle said that he expects both sides to finish presenting evidence in the case by the end of next week.

**Caption:** Associated Press

**Richard Bandler** on witness stand

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## **DISTANCE OF FATAL SHOT DISPUTED**

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LEE QUARNSTROM, Mercury News Staff Writer

A firearms expert testifying for the prosecution in the **Richard Bandler** trial Monday said it was possible, even likely, that bits of gunpowder stippled the right side of victim Corine Christensen's face, even though the muzzle of the murder weapon was on the left side of her nose when the fatal bullet was fired. The testimony of Paul Dougherty, retired after 25 years with the forensic lab of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, was offered by prosecutor Gary Fry in rebuttal to defense experts who testified about the position of the gun muzzle when Christensen was killed Nov. 3, 1986. Fry has contended that the muzzle was very close to the victim's face when the trigger was pulled, a contention backed by the testimony of key witness James Marino, who told the court he was present when Bandler allegedly shot Christensen in her Live Oak townhouse.

But Bandler's defense has been that Marino, in fact, did the shooting. Defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach has questioned several of his own experts who have told the jury that the muzzle of the Colt Python revolver was several inches from Christensen's face when the shot was fired.

Not so, testified Dougherty, who said he estimated that the pistol was about a half-inch from Christensen's face when she was killed.

He told jurors that the stippling of minute fragments of gunpowder on the right side of the woman's face did not mean that the gun barrel was close to the victim's left cheek.

Dougherty testified that the gases and bits of powder that cause stippling do not only exit from a revolver's muzzle. With that type of weapon, he said, those gases also escape from the so-called cylinder gap -- the tiny space between the cylinder and the barrel.

Disputing the testimony of a defense expert who said that such "blow-by" could only come out of a cylinder gap at a 90-degree angle, Dougherty told the court that blow-by can also be expelled forward out of the cylinder gap.

He produced a photograph showing blow-by being thrust forward from the cylinder gap of a revolver as a bullet was being fired. And he testified about a piece of white cloth that he said proved his contention.

In the center of the cloth was a hole through which, Dougherty testified, he stuck the barrel of a Colt Python before pulling the trigger. Around that hole was a pattern of stippling, bits of black powder, that Dougherty said had come from the cylinder gap.

The testimony was important because Bandler's defense has been based partially on the argument that the gun was held several inches in front of Christensen when she was shot. Defense witnesses have indicated that the stippling on the woman's right cheek was evidence that the gun was held at a distance.

But Dougherty's testimony indicated that such was not necessarily the case, that the stippling could have occurred on the right cheek if the muzzle was close to the face.

Dougherty also said a groove cut along the left side of the victim's nose was probably not from a bullet -- as some witnesses have indicated -- but from the rapid jerking of the barrel of the gun when it recoiled as the shot was fired. Monday's session had been slated to get under way at 10 a.m., but Bandler, who has always been in court early during his trial, was an hour late. He did not explain his tardiness as he sat down at the defense table.

**January 29, 1988**

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## **PSYCHOLOGIST ACQUITTED IN SLAYING OF PROSTITUTE**

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Bandler insisted during the trial that it was not he but key prosecution witness James Marino who killed Christensen.

Bandler, 37, had shown little emotion during the trial, even during the two days that he took the witness stand in his own defense earlier this month. But the face that had masked his feelings throughout the trial -- which began with jury selection last November -- was flushed and anxious when word spread that the jury had reached a verdict.

Bandler sighed loudly when Judge Chris Cottle read the jury's verdict. Bandler, the co-founder of a psychotherapy technique known as Neuro-Linguistic Programming, then accepted congratulations from his lawyer. Some of the group of Bandler friends, followers and family who had sat behind him throughout the proceedings applauded momentarily after Cottle read the verdict.

Bandler and most of the jurors quickly left the courtroom and declined to talk about the case. One juror, asked why the panel had reached its decision so quickly, said "not enough evidence" as she left the courthouse.

Defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach praised the verdict as evidence that "the system works."

Gary Fry, the assistant district attorney who prosecuted the case, was visibly angry as he and his boss, District Attorney Art Danner, returned to their offices.

'Earned their \$10'

"They earned their \$10 a day," he said of the jurors.

Fry said he didn't want to quarrel with the verdict and noted that "one juror was kind enough to tell me it had nothing to do with my presentation."

Danner, saying he still believes that Bandler was the person who shot Christensen, said he had "no regrets about prosecuting this case. We have no doubt as to who was guilty."

Schwartzbach, who said he could not now determine how much Bandler's defense had cost and that he didn't think it appropriate to discuss such figures, nevertheless told reporters outside the courtroom that "money had nothing to do with this verdict."



"If I had been a court-appointed lawyer," said Schwartzbach, "I would have called the same kinds of witnesses -- maybe even the same ones -- in Mr. Bandler's defense."

#### Courtroom filled

As the report that a verdict was forthcoming spread through the courthouse and adjacent county government center, the courtroom filled with lawyers, inspectors and clerical workers from the district attorney's staff. Several investigators, worried about the possible reaction of victim Corine Christensen's father -- a retired police officer -- sat behind the man ready to calm him if necessary. But he and his family, like members of the district attorney's staff, shook their heads angrily, then left the courtroom.

Christensen, 31, a prostitute who specialized in kinky sex and sold cocaine, was shot to death in her Live Oak townhouse on the outskirts of Santa Cruz on the morning of Nov. 3, 1986.

Bandler, an admitted cocaine user, was arrested and charged with the shooting after Marino, a close friend of Bandler, reported that he had been present when Bandler shot Christensen in the head.

Marino, a former cocaine dealer himself, testified that he had been in the room when Bandler put the muzzle of a .357- caliber Magnum revolver to Christensen's face as she snorted a line of cocaine, then pulled the trigger. He also said that after the killing, he and Bandler drove to Capitola and, at Bandler's orders, he dropped the murder weapon into the ocean from the municipal wharf. Divers later recovered the gun from the ocean floor.

#### Bizarre testimony

Much of Marino's testimony, especially under cross- examination by Schwartzbach, was bizarre. Marino, 55, testified that he was afraid of being killed by various government intelligence agencies and he told the court that he was able to control traffic lights with willpower.


When Bandler took the stand, he said that Marino -- angry because he believed Christensen had arranged to have him beaten a few days earlier -- shot the woman.

Other testimony during the trial centered on the prosecution's contention that the blood and tissue on a T-shirt worn by Bandler at the time of the murder was "blow-back," evidence that he was very close to Christensen when the bullet exploded into her skull and brain. Both sides brought experts to the stand to debate that issue and the related question of how far the gun muzzle was from the victim when the fatal shot was fired.

#### **Caption: Richard Bandler**

... Denied guilt

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MURDER SUSPECT'S GIRLFRIEND TESTIFIES

Murder suspect Richard Bandler spent most of the day of the slaying of a Live Oak prostitute in bed snorting cocaine with his girlfriend, the 33-year-old woman testified in Santa Cruz on Wednesday.

Paula McFarland, who said she has been the defendant's girlfriend on and off for several years, testified in a shaky voice that Bandler and his friend James Marino came to her Capitola home early on the morning of Nov. 3, 1986. It was that same morning that Corine Christensen, 28, was shot to

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KEY MURDER TRIAL WITNESS TESTIFIES

Saying that he was "still afraid for my life," the key witness in the Richard Bandler murder trial testified Tuesday that he became a fugitive because "somebody wanted me dead."

James Marino, 55, who testified Monday that he was at the Live Oak town house of Corine Christensen when the woman was shot to death Nov. 3, 1986, told defense lawyer M. Gerald Schwartzbach on Tuesday he fled the area because he "wasn't going to get the protection I had asked for" after telling his story to law

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KEY WITNESS SURRENDERS IN BANDLER MURDER TRIAL

James Marino, the key witness in the Richard Bandler murder trial, surrendered to district attorney's investigators Thursday after disappearing because he "feared for his own safety."

Marino was persuaded to surrender after lengthy discussions with his attorney, who convinced him to come out of hiding and testify, according to Santa Cruz County Deputy District Attorney Gary Fry.

"Marino told district attorney investigators that he failed to appear (in court) because he feared for

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**SEARCH FOR WITNESS DELAYS MURDER TRIAL**

The Richard Bandler murder trial will be on hold this week to allow the prosecutor and his investigators to hunt for their key witness in the case.

Although under orders to appear at all proceedings in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court case, the witness, James Marino, failed to show up when jury selection began last month and has not been seen since. Judge Chris Cottle issued a bench warrant for Marino, a 54-year-old admitted cocaine dealer, who testified during a preliminary hearing

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Article 12 of 22, Article ID: 8705120667  
**Published on December 4, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**  
**TRIAL LOOKS AT AUTOPSY TESTS INDICATE BANDLER'S ROLE**

Lawyers in the Richard Bandler murder trial Thursday questioned the physician who performed the autopsy on the victim about "blowback" -- a phenomenon in which particles of tissue and blood explode outward from a body an instant after it is struck by a bullet. Prosecutor Gary Fry, who called Dr. Richard Mason to the stand, is attempting to show that tiny bits of blood and tissue on a T-shirt he says the defendant was wearing indicate that Bandler was the trigger man. Bandler is charged

[Complete Article, 696 words \( \)](#)

Article 13 of 22, Article ID: 8705120098  
**Published on December 2, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**  
**TRIAL STARTS WITHOUT KEY WITNESS BANDLER'S LAWYER PROMISES TO PROVE HIS CLIENT WAS FRAMED**

Only two people know what really happened inside the Santa Cruz area townhouse where Corine Christensen died the morning of Nov. 3, 1986. One of them is charged with murder, and the other -- the chief witness against him -- is missing. The accused man, psychologist Richard Bandler, will tell the jury his version of events surrounding Christensen's shooting death, defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach said Tuesday during opening arguments in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

[Complete Article, 701 words \( \)](#)

Article 14 of 22, Article ID: 8705080023  
**Published on November 18, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**  
**REPORTER'S NOTES HELD PRIVILEGED**

The judge in a Santa Cruz murder case, saying that California voters had granted journalists an "absolute privilege" against being forced to turn over their unpublished information, ruled Tuesday that the Mercury News does not have to give the defense lawyer notes and tapes relating to the case.

Superior Court Judge Chris Cottle granted two motions by Edward P. Davis, Mercury News attorney, asking that subpoenas against a staff writer and the executive editor of the paper be quashed. The

[Complete Article, 842 words \( \)](#)

Article 15 of 22, Article ID: 8705030904  
**Published on November 3, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**  
**REPORTER'S NOTES SUBPOENAED FOR SANTA CRUZ MURDER TRIAL**

As the lengthy jury selection process was about to begin in Santa Cruz on Monday in the murder trial of well-known psychologist Richard Bandler, lawyers and the judge discussed the defense's request for a Mercury News staff writer's notes. Bandler, 37, is charged with shooting to death a 28-year-old Capitola woman a year ago. The victim, Corine Christensen, has been described as a prostitute and cocaine dealer. The prosecution has charged that Bandler shot her at her Live Oak condominium.

[Complete Article, 357 words \( \)](#)

Article 16 of 22, Article ID: 8702020159  
**Published on April 23, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**  
**BANDLER BOUND FOR MURDER TRIAL**

Even while questioning whether there was sufficient evidence to convict Richard Bandler of homicide, a Santa Cruz County Municipal Court judge has ordered the well-known psychotherapist to stand trial on a charge of murder.

Judge Tom Kelly has ordered Bandler, 37, to stand trial for the slaying of Corine Christensen at her Live Oak town house last November. Bandler, co-founder of Neuro-Linguistic Programming therapy, is accused of shooting the 31-year-old woman in the head.

He will  
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Article 17 of 22, Article ID: 8702010433  
**Published on April 21, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**  
**AFRAID TO FLEE, SLAYING WITNESS SAYS**

The man who says he witnessed Corine Christensen's death testified Monday that after the killing he made no effort to escape, or report the crime -- or do much of anything -- because at the time "I feared for my life."

James Marino gave that as his reason, for example, when the attorney for murder suspect Richard Bandler asked him why he did not take advantage of several chances to flee.

Bandler, 37, who became nationally known a decade ago for a form of psychotherapy he developed

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Published on April 14, 1987, San Jose Mercury News (CA)

## DEFENDANT'S FRIEND SAYS HE CLOSED EYES, HEARD SLAYING

A man who said he had been a longtime friend of murder defendant Richard Bandler testified Monday that he saw the famed psychotherapist put a gun to the victim's head, then closed his eyes and heard the gunshot that took the woman's life. James Marino, 54, testified as the preliminary hearing on the murder charge against Bandler, 37, got under way Monday afternoon. The hearing is scheduled to continue at 11 a.m. today. Marino, who told Santa Cruz County Municipal Court Judge Tom [Complete Article, 752 words \( \)](#)

Published on November 17, 1986, San Jose Mercury News (CA)

## HE'S 'BRASH,' 'BRILLIANT,' AND A MURDER SUSPECT

Psychologist Richard Bandler, an acknowledged genius in his field, never minded using a little controlled violence if it paid off with results. Once, presented with a balky young patient, "I hit him really hard. . . . It was just an expedient way," he wrote in his most recent book. "I wouldn't recommend that you do this with most people. But there are times when a good rap on the side of the head constitutes the beginning of building a motivation strategy." The iconoclastic [Complete Article, 1790 words \( \)](#)

Published on November 11, 1986, San Jose Mercury News (CA)

## LAWYER ACCUSES JUDGE OF BIAS ATTORNEY'S CLAIM PUTS SANTA CRUZ MURDER CASE ON HOLD

The murder case against Richard Bandler, co-founder of a communications theory called Neuro-Linguistic Programming, was put on indefinite hold Monday when Bandler's attorney said the judge was biased and asked that he be disqualified. Attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach, describing the request as "somewhat unusual," accused Santa Cruz Municipal Court Judge Thomas Kelly of having a "pro-prosecution bias." He said Kelly had changed his mind on the bail he was to set for Paula McFarland, Bandler's [Complete Article, 389 words \( \)](#)

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**Published on November 9, 1986, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

## 2 WOMEN HELD IN MURDER CASE

Two women have been arrested in connection with a Santa Cruz slaying in which Richard Bandler, co-founder of a therapeutic process called neurolinguistic programming, is the primary suspect.

Suzanne Cutter, 30, of Santa Cruz and Paula McFarland, 32, of Capitola were arrested Friday afternoon and charged with being accessories to the murder of 31-year-old Corine Christensen.

Sheriff's department spokesmen were not available Saturday to describe the relationships among the three

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Article 22 of 22, Article ID: 8603290092

**Published on November 6, 1986, San Jose Mercury News (CA)**

# PSYCHOTHERAPY FIGURE ARRESTED AS SUSPECT IN WOMAN'S SLAYING

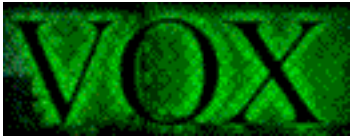
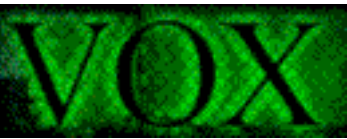
Richard Bandler, who gained national attention as the co- founder of a branch of psychotherapy called neuro- linguistic programming, has been arrested in connection with the death of a Santa Cruz area woman.

Bandler, 36, was booked into Santa Cruz County Jail on Monday evening on suspicion of murder. He is accused of the fatal shooting of Corine Christensen, 31, at her residence in Live Oak, an unincorporated community just east of Santa Cruz. Sheriff's investigators gave no theory for

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**IN COLD PRINT**  
Cocaine Feedback & Homicidal ‘Blowback’:

When Two Murderously Guilty Men Mysteriously Become ‘Not Guilty’  
November 4, 1986, the Santa Cruz SENTINEL reports Corine Anne Christensen, 34, is found dead of a point-blank inflicted .38 caliber gunshot wound just beside her left nostril. This discovery occurs 36 hours after James Marino and Richard Wayne Bandler (and no others) were in her Live Oak residence, bitterly arguing and snorting a lot of cocaine. Marino will later testify that Bandler introduced him to and trained him for a large quantity of cocaine dealing and trafficking, encompassing national distribution, via commercial air traffic accessed, trans continental clientele and ‘innerCircle connections’.

Future newspaper reports and trial testimony reveal that Ms. Christensen was Bandler’s bookkeeper as well as prostitute for hire, to Bandler’s much controversied, protectively concealed ‘V.I.P. innerCircle’, and that Ms. Christensen rationed Richard Bandler’s personal ingestion of cocaine to “one ounce per week”.

Departing Ms. Christensen’s home, the two men drove to the end of the Capitola wharf, where Marino says he complied with Bandler’s order to throw the weapon into the ocean from the pier. The two men then parted each other’s company (Sheriff’s divers later recover the weapon, exactly where Marino described it to be).  
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A day and a half later, James Marino went to his lawyer, Kate Wells, and reported the above, telling her he ‘hopes it’s a dream’. Marino’s lawyer sends her (at that time) husband to Ms. Christensen’s house, whereupon he returns from the scene to inform Mr. Marino that his report was not a ‘dream’. The police are called in at this time. Bandler will later testify that he spent his day and a half in bed, snorting a lot of cocaine with one of his two girlfriends. When asked why he didn’t report the crime, he replied that he “intended to do so”, after he’d “cleared his head.”

Marino says Bandler shot her. Bandler says Marino shot her. Each man says he witnessed the murder, and both affirm that there are no other suspects. Officials determine post facto that, in the 36 hour interval between the murder of Ms. Christensen and the police reportage of that fact, the victim’s entire domicile had been elaborately ransacked; in what was clearly a thorough search of her home and all of its contents. Including a ripped open teddy bear and the care-free dishevelment of her personal effects. Testimony and reports from and among Bandler ‘associates’, revealed wide

knowledge that Ms. Christensen routinely sequestered large amounts of book-keeping data, cash and cocaine, in an office safe in her house. All of this material was disappeared; without explanation...

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Another motive for the desperate and thorough search, was a need to dispose of highly classified and incriminating information that Ms. Christensen recorded on her computer; with corroborating discs and audio tapes, which had - along with large amounts of cash - been stolen from her home, in the 36 hour period of non-reportage.

Ms. Christensen was described at trial as having been a 'high class prostitute'; having many sordid relationships with 'a lot of important people'. Abundant testimony reveals that numerous persons fully aware that Ms. Christensen not only kept Bandler's neurolinguistic programming (N.L.P.) industry's financial accounts, receipts, etc.' she was also known to keep notes and audio tapes on and about her 'clientele'. These included large quantity cocaine buyers, as well as prostitutional 'Johns'.

It is also revealed that Ms. Christensen and James Marino each, routinely 'bugged' the other's residence; including bedrooms, by 'wireless microphone' installations. Thereby obtaining 'classified' recordings of each other. Much of the friction in Ms. Christensen's relationship with Bandler and Marino had to do therefore, not so much with sex or drugs, but rather more importantly with informational intelligence about a large number of significant persons and criminal activities.

Neither the court testimonials or the press spared Ms. Christensen or her family and friends details, such as how many dildos (female sex toys) she owned, and how many male as well as female clients she may have used them on. The jury and press learn that she sometimes serviced as many as seven clients daily ('dominatrix', 'insatiable sexual appetite', 'lesbian', 'bi-sexual'). This lurid and personal information served as killer deathspike relish in diminishing her perceived value and increasing her perceived expendability. Having already admitted that he never stopped being one of her 'many lovers' for the past several years, Marino did not abstain from posthumously calling her a 'kinky sicko'. None of these derisive, posthumous descriptions of the victim were objected to, halted, or stricken from the record...

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November 6 1986. The Santa Cruz SENTINEL reports that Richard Bandler is singularly accused as the only suspect. Marino is not charged with anything at all and granted immunity against drug charges, 'in exchange for his testimony', opposing 'the only suspect' - Mr. Bandler. County District Attorney assigned prosecutor, Gary Fry, is new in Santa Cruz, to jockey the first and only murder trial of his career at that time (He is now a federal prosecutor). In contrast, Bandler's defense attorney, Gerald Scheartzbach, is a seasoned and highly skilled defense attorney.

### **LAWYERS, GUNS & MONEY, continued**

December 21 1986. San Jose MERCURY News, WEST Magazine article, written by the Santa Cruz SENTINEL's Tom Long: "Bail Is Reduced For Slaying Suspect": Saying that he had been presented with the most impressive letters of reference he had seen in his career, Municipal Court Judge Richard Kessel reduced the amount of bail for murder suspect and psychotherapist Richard Bandler, from \$500,000.00 to \$100,000.00 Friday afternoon. Kessel made his decision in a courtroom crowded with Bandler's supporters. To augment his appeal (for lower bail), Schwartzbach (Bandler's defense attorney) had delivered to the judge a thick stack of reference letters from (unnamed, incognito veiled) sources including doctors, a member of Army Intelligence, Vietnam veterans, Sheriff's deputies and others. "I fully expect that he will be out next week.", Schwartzbach optimistically concluded.

The SENTINEL will cover this case for 15 months, from November 1986 to January 1988, when Bandler is found ‘not guilty’. In this time period, four judges will preside over and handle the case, beginning with preliminary trial Judge Tom Kelly, then Judges Marlo and Kessel; finally with Judge Cottle presiding over the jury trial.

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On April 22 1987, the SENTINEL quotes Judge Tom Kelly twice, saying: **“THE ONLY THING I KNOW BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT IS THAT THE MURDERER (defendant Bandler or witness Marino) WAS HERE IN THIS COURTROOM.”** This Kelly quote is repeated in bold print as a by-line heading, and then again in lower case typeface. November 3, 1987, the SENTINEL, in subjecting James Marino, dubiously pronounces him “the key witness for the defense and the prosecution”. (The pinnacle of duplicity.)

May 8 1987, the SENTINEL reports Kelly, repeating his unsurety of ‘who the murderer is’ (in consideration of defendant Bandler, or witness, Marino). Note that Marino is not called a ‘suspect’, while at the same time he is openly perceived and boldly alluded to as such; by many persons. Certainly including Judge Tom Kelly: who drives this schizoid point home from the beginning of the preliminary trial hearings, through the middle and to the very bitter end of this case and its accompanying trial and controversy. Judge Kelly adds grotesquely: **“The evidence is flimsey in this (preliminary trial hearing) case, but enough to order Bandler to stand trial.”**

Two and a half weeks later, on 27 May ‘87, the SENTINEL quotes Judge Tom Kelly again, saying: **“THE ONLY THING I KNOW BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT IS THAT THE MURDERER WAS IN THIS COURTROOM.”** Taking this renewed opportunity to reiterate his redundancy, Judge Kelly does not fail to once again, amazingly proclaim as ‘flimsey’, the case against Bandler - ‘the only suspect’.

*Note, that preliminary trial Judge Kelly dwells upon and repeatedly belabors the consistent usage of the singular, in always referring to ‘the guilty man’, and, ‘the murderer’, while copiously lamenting his indecision about whether ‘the defendant’, or ‘the key witness for the prosecution and the defense’, is the toasting answer to the fired up question of who did it. Of course, **THE YET UNSELECTED JURY IS ROUTINELY READING THIS**, from the local press; at breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

#### COFFEE, TEA & N.L.P. Continued

Judge Kelly will continue to be SENTINEL documented, expressing his interminably elongated dilemma about whether the guilty man is Richard Bandler, or James Marino. The former is on trial. The latter is uncharged. (The crown and vertex of intrigue saturated, duplicitous Orwellian DoubleTalk and NewSpeak.)

On the other hand, the only immunity Marino has been (very peculiarly and impertinently) granted, is against any drug charges that might otherwise result from his (‘star witness’) testimony.

The plurally suspect defendants are reduced to a singular. The unabashed testimony and confirmation from both Bandler and Marino, about their very large cocaine and cash dealings with very important and exotic (ever anonymous) people, is heedlessly flaunted with reckless abandon, throughout the intrigue and duplicity saturated trial.

July 30 1987. The SENTINEL: **“Papers Missing In Bandler Case”**. A judge must determine what to do this morning, about original court documents missing from the court file, in the Richard Bandler (‘psychoProgramming’) murder case. Seven volumes of transcripts are missing from the official court file (One daily, for the first seven days of the preliminary trial) from the preliminary hearing for Bandler, a noted nuerolinguistic programming pioneer, charged with killing a Capitola prostitute (*not ‘murdering a*



woman', or 'bookkeeper for the locally active, rogue C.I.A. cocaine traffickers', or 'person who knew too much about too many very important and ponderous - ever anonymous - people'). Bandler's (jury) trial is set for November 2nd ('87), in Superior Court.

"Kenni Lopez, who supervises the clerks in the Superior Court Clerk's office, says an office wide search has failed to turn up the transcripts. This is the first time, she said, that such a document has been missing. She and County Clerk Richard Bedal fear the papers may have been deliberately taken from the file. Removal of such documents they say, is a felony."

July 31 1987. The SENTINEL: "Bandler Judge Wants A Copy Made Of Missing Papers. A judge ordered a copy be made of the District Attorney's transcript of Richard Bandler's preliminary trial hearing, to serve as the official court document in the murder case. The knotty problem came to court Thursday morning, because the official seven volumes of the preliminary hearing are missing from the court record. They were removed (later reports will cite a non-descript elderly woman as having 'walked out' with the supposedly guarded, unreplaceable original papers) from the file in the Superior Court Clerk's Office, shortly after they were transcribed by the court reporter, earlier this month. Judge John Marlo (makes the 3rd judge acting in this case) ruled Thursday, that the new (District Attorney's) copy will serve as the official transcript (in place of the official court transcript; apparently against which no comparison is available or can be made)".

#### THE NAUGHTY PROBLEM, continued

The above article leaves it to the reader's wherewithal and/or imagination to fathom the difference between the missing (stolen) transcripts, and the replacement record's from the District Attorney's (Arthur Danner's) Office. No comparative explanation is offered, leaving the unanswered question: exactly how are missing, original court transcribed documents, replaced with records from the D.A.'s office? To 'serve as the official transcript' - which it patently is not.

#### **November 8 1987. San Jose MERCURY News, WEST Magazine:**

##### **"MIND OVER MURDER", by Kathy Holub (excerpts follow):**

"He (Bandler) started working with the U.S. Army and the Central Intelligence Agency, doing projects on post Vietnam stress syndrome (*P.T.S.D.* - *post traumatic stress disorder. Certainly not confined to Vietnam veterans, or the military experience, or this century or millennium, for that matter. It's a newly acknowledged science, less than twenty years old <at the time of this 1997 writing>; of evaluating and measuring ongoing mental disorders originally imparted by severe psychological and/or physical trauma*), and marksmanship (especially with handguns - Bandler owns eleven pistols). Kathy Holub's prophetically self-fulfilling, neurolinguistically programming title - MIND OVER MURDER - continues:

"He did some highly sensitive work for the C.I.A. on training potential hostages to withstand torture and interrogation.

"Kate Wells, a local (\*formerly Bandler's) attorney (\*the newspapers never say that), remembers sitting in his (Bandler's) apartment one day, 'With the three top C.I.A. agents in the country (Neither Wells or the Mercury News article provides their names). They were like *this* with Richard. She (Wells) makes a goggling face. 'They were in awe of him. They would have done anything to please him. Sitting in his cruddy little living room in Capitola. It was surreal'".

Kathy Holub's MIND OVER MURDER, also offers that Corine Christensen 'had one source of legal income - bookkeeping for Bandler and NLP (nuerolinguistic programming - the much over-rated, scientifically disclaimed industry Bandler was profitably pioneering. It doesn't say Christensen was a 'bookkeeper for the locally active rogue C.I.A. cocaine traffickers', here)."

It is repeated many times and in slightly varying phraseology, in an assortment of newspaper articles on this case, that the murder was motivated by drugs and sexual tensions, having nothing to do with Bandler's work in N.L.P., Army Intelligence or the C.I.A. chiefs he was hob-nobbing with in his home (a few houses down from the murder scene): as though the murder was unrelated to Ms. Christensen's prostitutional relationship with who knows how many persons of what social station (the paramount issue of the identities of the often touted 'important people' is never pursued in this case).

Kathy Holub continues in MIND OVER MURDER - "Bandler and Christensen were freinds , not lovers. But Bandler often hired her to have sex with his friends."

More of Judge Tom Kelly's iniquitous quotes emerge newsworthy (The key to nuerolinguistic brainwashing is repetition; especially by recognised authority, such as Judge Kelly, and large, massively distributing news agencies, continued).

San Jose MERCURY News WEST Magazine, 8 November 1987 (Excerpts follow):

"My mind went back and forth all week," he (Judge shuttle-brain) said, about which man was guilty." He would order the case to (jury) trial he said, but so far the evidence seemed \*'skimpy' (for the third time; the first two times Kelly used the word \*'flimsey'). Judge Kelly goes on to publicly state, yet once again, also for the third time: **"THE ONLY THING I KNOW FOR SURE BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT, IS WE HAD A MURDERER IN THIS COURT ROOM THE LAST WEEK AND A HALF. BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT I CANNOT TELL YOU WHO THAT PERSON WAS."**

Intrigue and duplicity: 'That person', 'The murderer', 'the guilty man', 'My mind went back and forth' (between 'the only suspect' - the defendant, and the uncharged, drug traffic immunized, newspaper celebrated 'star witness').

Always the uniformly militant, repetitiously exercised usage of the singular, in ascribing to one man, the compound responsibility for the 'skimpily evidenced', marginally important murder of Capitola prostitute, Corine 'Kinky Sicko' Christensen. This makes three different publicized reports from Judge Kelly, saying thrice, the same dualistically shifty things about the two men at the murder scene.

The disappearance of large amounts of cocaine and cash, as well as evidence critical to the case and highly classified information from Christensen's pillage-ravaged home - what, and who, this case is really all about - is minimally issued, un- pursued by the court and the newspapers.

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Two weeks later, 27 November 1987, SENTINEL reporter, Mark Bergstrom, yet again, for the fourth time, quotes Judge Kelly with exactly the same quotes as above. Bergstrom artistically volunteers furthermore: "Beneath all the trappings of N.L.P., cocaine and sex are the real crux of the case. It's a WHODUNIT."

'All the trappings of N.L.P.' is Army Intelligence and the rogue Central Intelligence Agency, which Mr. Bergstrom makes perfectly clear, have nothing to do with 'the real crux of the case'; which Bergstrom crystallly clears to be cocaine and sex. 'Not having to do' with grievously incriminating information, involving scores, perhaps hundreds of 'very important innerCircle people': distributing and receiving large amounts of feloniously obtained cash and cocaine, by nationally commuting commercial air traffic. No indeed. It is a publicly inventoried dildo guilded, bi-sexual dominitrixing, seven daily tricking, kinky sicko, sex and drugs propelled (rock and rollex) WHODUNIT. For absolutely surex.

Hierarchical Death From Above

Whereas, the alleged ‘WHODUNIT’ proves out to be is a *how many dunit*; for what many reasons, of Ms. Christensen’s direct knowledge, documentation and forensic proof of the insidious and unnamed elements orbiting this case and it’s ominously minimized and ignored magnitude. Certainly exhibiting N.L.P. repetition tactics from Judge Kelly and others, by way of the vehicularized media reportage. Especially by the ever pliant and actively complicit SENTINEL, with stand-in freelancers, similarly unleashed in the San Jose MERCURY News. All a matter of ineradicable record, precisely reflected in this somewhat narratively styled, purely documentary anthology.

Only-lines-on-paper, finding ‘Chief Prosecutor’ Arthur Danner’s highly reputed fortress of impregnability laid to its own self destructive waste, in fact, for at least the past ten years it is now. It would all be B.S. and/or obsessive and meager opinion, were it not the recorded newspaper history and court minutes of the rogue C.I.A. infested Bandler Marino case: ‘prosecuted’ by Santa Cruz County’s District Attorney’s office, via Gary Fry - a district attorney Art Danner-summoned new arrival in town (now a federal judge), handling his first murder case. Between 4 November 1986 and 29 January 1988.

#### “NUEROLINGUISTIC GURU PERFORMS ACT OF GENIUS AT SEMINAR”

Newspaper articles throughout this trial reflect a long history of Bandler’s carrying concealed firearms, brandishing and pulling them on people - especially women - accompanied by threats, and imposing the muzzle in, or near, their face(s). On one particular occasion, he did this under the witnessship of hundreds of people attending one of his early ‘80’s N.L.P. seminars. Bandler would later explain that it had to do with a finer point of his N.L.P. ‘persuasive tactics’. His supporters (and Bandler sports a revealing abundance of them) called this diabolically cheap shot, ‘an act of genius’.

#### TEA & BULLETS

( If 6 Was 9: Cleans 2 The UltraShine )

The forensic ‘blowback’ of the victim’s blood and other tissue was, according to Bandler, deposited - sprayed, ‘aerosol effected’ - on him, because he was seated next to Ms. Christensen when Marino shot her. Marino testified that blood and other tissue blowback was on Bandler, because he (Bandler) shot her. Opposing forensic pathologist’s testimonies on behalf of the defense and the prosecution are grid-locked in argument before the jury, on this cross-eyed WHODUNIT, ‘blow-back’ tissue issue. Blowback Forensics & Kitchen Sink Sanitary Engineering, cont. Even Judge - AC-DC - Kelly is sure Corine Christensen was shot in the face at point blank range, between one half inch and five inches of distance from point of impact. The only continuously burning, suspense packed question in this skimpy-flimsey case is WHODUNIT. Each man testified that the other was at Ms. SevenTrick’s kitchen sink, brilliantly improvising a MR. CLEAN plastic detergent bottle as a silencer; and that the makeshift effort was abandoned and therefore, not employed in the murder (execution).

The jury heard an audiotape of Richard Bandler arguing bitterly with Ms. Sexually Insatiablen, threatening to blow her brains out, in those words. The audio tape evidence was bonafide to have been recorded four hours before the defendant and the ‘star witness’ departed the house with the unimportantly murdered, expertly testimonialised and thingified, lesbian sex and drug toy, abandoned therein.

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Whether Bandler and/or Marino marauderously scoured and sacked Ms. Christensen’s house, or whether someone else did, is an unanswered - generally unpursued - question, throughout this trial. Wherein, both the prosecution and the defense display a minimum interest in this crucial matter of 36 hours worth of time (the better part of the first weekend of

November 1986): to go through all of her domicile and belongings. Including her missing computer, bookkeeping and clientele list for cocaine and sex purchases; as well as abundant personal notes, along with many very personal audiotapes of unnamed, numberless persons. On the other hand, the jury does learn of - is closely updated on - her prioritized sex toy inventory, and how many ever-anonymous persons she serviced, daily. Yes. Her heinous murder was further extended, in court, even after she was terminated. This shrewdly offered informational necromancy was not (even) stricken from the hydrophobically foaming record. Extended, for the mesmerized jury's, stoically stunned 'evaluation'.

DIVING INTO THE (Invisible 'What?')SEETHING WRECK, continued:  
The cocaine and sexual activities were not anywhere near as crucial to her murder as was the factor of information - Who, What, Where, Why and How... All poignantly disappeared at the taking of Ms. Christensen's young, ostensibly misguided life. Corine Ann Christensen, the bookkeeper, neighbor and rent-out - completely expendable, 'pest like' - party girl, for Richard Bandler's awe inspired, V.I.P. friends. Vanguard's of Bandler's nuerolinguistic programming enterprises. An untitled, localised, precedent setting C.I.A. PsyWar program. (Not pogrom?)

POST GRADUATE CRAZY-MAKING AT THE INSANITY FACTORY  
N.L.P. The opportunistically advantageous, alternating art of not taking 'no', 'yes', or reality, for an answer. Persuading others to practice this Orwellean s'kill on others, and for those converts to likewise persuade others, and so on... Refer stonewalling, satanism, and the 'war of perception' - Nazi science. Bastardized B.F. Skinnerism slowly turning on a spit, over flaming copies of FARENHEIT 451, and the best works of Pavlov, Freud, Adler and Jung. Richard Bandler's C.I.A. spearhead of destructive behavior modification and operant conditioning experiments on the public. In this particular case, on all the newspaper reading public in Santa Cruz county - VooDoo psychotherapeutics. Perilously Yellow Journalism, out of the (Orwellean) 'Ministries of Truth and Justice.'  
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(Time magazine's January 1st 1984 'Feature Article' commented on George Orwell's 1984: "The author's <Orwell's> predictions are ridiculous". Incontrovertible proof that George Orwell was not only correct, but that he himself underestimated how accurate he would prove to be. <Orwell's 1984 extinctifies books and accurate, unrevised history. Whereas, Huxley's BRAVE NEW WORLD extinctifies motivational reading interest.> Speaking of TIME magazine's 1 January 1984 feature article, calling Orwell's predictions 'ridiculous' - add this: TIME-LIFE publishers 'independently purchased' and sat upon the Zapruder film - the hardest evidence in the JFK assassination - for 13 years. Finally releasing it to the public, under the Jimmy Carter administration, in 1976...) .....

The wary Santa Cruz SENTINEL is on guard, tirelessly expanding the parameters of the public's tolerance thresholds. In time, they'll be ready for the O.J. Simpsonization of the nation. Where reality will again, be diversionarily omitted and otherwise disregarded - cited for lack of political correctness. Where palpable culpability will again be omitted, disfigured and/or side-lined for 'lack of evidence'. Where, all that is wanted is an \*honorable end to the O.J.Simpson trial (\*beginning with the Vietnam war).' Where reality is a television mesmerized nation of shell-shocked people who can't access the evidence for the murder of their own president, until the year 2027. (The N.L.P. inspired, popularly circulated JIFFYFIX for this and all other major, ongoing cover-ups is: 'The people don't want to know the truth' <J.F.K shot himself>.)

Corine Christensen? Richard Bandler & James Marino? Ho hum. What difference does it make? The bitch deserved it. Rhubarb rhubarb. Chill out. Until the next time. and the easier and more sleep inducing, channel-changing time after that. Squared. (Refer, attention span contraction, and tolerance threshold expansion, a War Of Perception.) Just don't complain

too much (*Shut up!*), or the cheap shooting C.I.A. tentacles may fire up - and/or drown you, or yours, also: at high noon; in the public- official sanctioned and festivity normalised, celebrity-surrounded, community swimming pool. Making damned sure your submersibly buried, generously condemned and demonized body doesn't 'embarrassingly' surface, amidst any of the surrounding, elitist, formally attired, aloof whine and cheeser party pleasers.

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James Marino's vaunted 'immunity' extends only to any drug charges that might otherwise be applied to his testimony. The moment he admitted he disposed of the murder weapon at Bandler's instruction (knowing it was the murder weapon) - in that moment, Marino became an accessory to and after the fact; as guilty as Bandler, under the law. Upon this admission of disposal and concealment, the mind manipulating, show stealing WHODUNIT question of 'which man pulled the trigger?', is factually reduced to a mere technicality.

In accordance with presented testimony, argument and evidence, both men are equally guilty. Equally convictable. Equally punishable under the law.

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Sunday, 17 January 1988. Santa Cruz SENTINEL. "In one of his many published writings, Bandler said NLP can be applied to jury trials". The SENTINEL didn't say NLP can be applied via its own exemplary newspaper articles, *readying the yet unselected jury* - to be drawn from the community that is massively pre-peppered with those repeatedly crazy-making articles)... "Bandler testified last week that C.I.A. and other government representatives once attended one of his NLP seminars in Washington, D.C." (Note the added, muted salute, in the parting allusion to more, subordinately awe inspired, Wa. D.C.-based authority figures...)

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January 27 1988. Santa Cruz SENTINEL: "BANDLER NOT GUILTY." The defendant was found not guilty; by a jury which had been assembled months *after* repeatedly reading of Judge Tom Kelly's (and other's) endemically advertised quandary of 'which (singular) man did it'.

#### IN YOUR FACE, continued:

January 29 1988. Santa Cruz SENTINEL: "Somebody has (not 'two and more people have') just gotten away with murder. Only two other people were in the room when a Capitola woman was shot to death in November of '86. One of them, Richard Bandler, was acquitted of the charge late Thursday afternoon... "The other, James Marino, was the prosecution's (thank your lucky?) 'star witness'. (On 3 November, '87, the SENTINEL described Marino as 'the star witness for both the prosecution and the defense' - and those are mighty damned good odds.)

The 29 January, '88 SENTINEL continues: "The sad part for us is, there were only two people there, and we couldn't come up with anything for sure," said one of the jurors who acquitted Bandler of 1st degree murder after a two month trial. The jury deliberated for less than six hours. "I found it very difficult to believe Marino", said a juror. "Others on the jury, he said, "felt strongly that Bandler had pulled the trigger. But we had to follow the rules, and there was reasonable doubt", the juror said. He pointed out that Judge Chris Cottle instructed them, that if there were two reasonable explanations for events, the jury was bound to accept the one that pointed to Bandler's \*innocence (\**sic. There is no 'innocent man' to protect, here. This is how it was done. A new twist on the old axiom, 'divide - superfluously bifurcate, dichotomise - and conquer'. Attack the language/ communication itself: unvarnished Orwellian QUACKSPEAK*)."

"Bandler took the witness stand during the trial and said that although he had threatened to blow Christensen's brains out just a few hours before the killing (murder), it was Marino who pulled the trigger."

Assistant D.A. Gary Fry said after the verdict, that he will not prosecute Marino for the murder. "We can't . We have to have evidence, and as much speculation as people may have, we don't have evidence against Mr.



Marino,” Fry said. (An enormously simulated beguilement. A flopper-whopping lie. “We don’t have evidence against \*Mr. Marino.” \**Proved himself accessory to the fact, in admitting he concealed the murder weapon, in throwing it off the Capitola pier...*)

Bandler was speechless after the verdict. it came so swiftly it caught everybody by surprise...” “The quickness of the verdict spoke to the quality of the prosecution’s (‘flimsey’) case”, said Schwartzbach (Bandler’s defense attorney.) “The evidence showed he did not commit the crime.” (Lee Harvey Oswald may have shot her from the 6th floor of the Texas Book depository?)

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Judge Tom Kelly’s function on over a half dozen occasions of SENTINEL preliminary trial coverage, being read by the community from which the forthcoming jury will be selected, is to always singularize ‘the suspect’; to confine this 3-dimensional murder to 1 dimension. As though there are not two - and more - suspects. As though there are not two and more accessories to murder. As though there are not two - and more - guilty men. As though the press and appointed jurisprudent representation, was not accessory to and after, the murderously self-revealing fact(s).

### LET’S GO THROUGH THE HOOD WINKING MOTIONS

(‘Let’s Pretend’), continued:

As though the District Attorney - County Chief Prosecutor - did not assign a rookie prosecutor from out of town (later promoted to a federal prosecutor status). As though Marino was and remains immune to murder charges. As though Marino did not prove himself guilty when he admitted disposing of the murder weapon. Its recovery proving exactly where he said he concealed it. (“We can’t prosecute Mr. Marino. We have only speculative evidence against him.” - an NLP inspired, enormously bold and equally transparent lie.) As though it was necessary to grant drug charge immunity to (‘make a deal’ with) Marino, in exchange for his testimony.

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As though the two - and more - men did not conspire to murder Christensen; because, as Bandler’s N.L.P. bookkeeper and prostitute for hire to his skulking, ever anonymous ‘friends’, she had not, as a deliberately predestined ‘outsider’, become an increasingly perilous, innerCircle perceived security risk. Having growing knowledge and hard, abundant evidence of far too much incriminating and/or highly volatile, highly classified information, about far too many insidious people, in (and out) of ‘the (richly flaunted, awe inspiring, criminally fugitive) intelligence community’; extending in and out of Bandler’s Live Oak-Capitola apartment, and the second floor of the local, county, state and federal government building at 701 Ocean Street, for example.

### DRUGS CZAR U.S.

(It would all be B.S. if it wasn’t true, continued.)

The entire single defendant proceedings are a contrived and ruthless farce, from the outset and continuingly. Duplicitous bifurcations, diversive brachiations and dichotomisations (infinite issue splitting); deliberate focus on one man as a suspect, while simultaneously and ambiguously alluding and detouring also, to another suspected but uncharged, equally guilty man. From the beginning of the proceedings. Pure 1984 plagiarized NEWSPEAK (Refer, ‘N.L.P.’).

Both Bandler and Marino murdered her. For their own vulnerability; for what she knew and could prove about both of them, and a consistently unidentified and uncounted host of their very spooky, eerie; ominously unidentified ‘company’; solemnly influencing the press, the court, its officers and of course, all the repeatedly stunned and abused jurists themselves. Literally, figuratively and virtually, the entire community was dazzled and intimidated; via the adroitly utilized, spell bindingly mainline local press.

**(Everybody get down! The rogue C.I.A. is on the town!)**

it is against all American laws for the C.I.A. (rogue or pristine) to operate in domestic (national) affairs, inside the continental limits of the U.S. Having been doing so, with unfettered impunity, since 22 November 1963, in Dallas, Texas. Burying this country in hard drugs and domestic violence, street crime, endemic mass murders, and blaming it on - and/or hugely lying about it (*'The crime rate is actually going down'*) to - the public at large, ever since. A MOVEABLE VIETNAM: A Continental Misunderstanding (The war against the American people, by rogue - corporate state and entertainment industry supported - government, at local, state and federal levels).

### DENIAL IS MORE - And Less- THAN A LARGE RIVER IN NORTH AFRICA

The original court transcripts of the preliminary trial contained affluent and pre-eminent proof of witnesses, testimony and other evidences that were not even considered in, and were omitted from the main jury trial. Hence, the preliminary trial minutes had to be disappeared and/or seriously altered, in order not to comparatively appear in glaring disagreement with the onerous facade of justice that became the jury trial, and its veritably demonic 'resolution'.

### DENIAL IS A Crystalline Snow STORM OVER THE N.L.P.-Buried UNITED STATES

Excluded witnesses, testimony and evidence includes the Creager brothers, Floyd and Harry; who were prevented from testifying at the jury trial, on the false premise of being protected - on standby as important witnesses for the prosecution - and harbored at the HOLIDAY INN, a few hundred feet from the courtroom they were carefully disallowed from entering; while simultaneously being told and promised that their testimony was vitally important to the prosecution's case, and that their testimonial appearance was imminent. Their 'protectors' were plain clothed, pistol packing representatives of the District Attorney's office, they said.

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In the 36 hour period between the murder and its police reportage, Richard Bandler offered Floyd Creager (an unemployed Vietnam veteran, suffering from post traumatic stress disorder; a personal friend of the record) a job as a 'body guard'; volunteering to provide a firearms permit (for concealed weapon), and a pistol. Bandler withdrew the offer to Creager, shortly after he (Bandler) suggested it. Clearly, it was an aborted intention to implicate and frame a third party (Floyd Creager); for the murder that Bandler and Marino had just committed, but not yet reported. This testimony by Floyd Creager of these facts, was never heard-by, or known to, the jury.

Harry Creager, on the other hand, is the former boyfriend of the woman Bandler planned children with. Some of Bandler's stepchildren were fathered by Harry Creager, who, because of his connection to Bandler, through his (now former) girlfriend, learned and knew a lot about Bandler's personal life and business activities. Harry Creager never testified-to, or was known-of, by any of the Bandler-Marino trial jurists. Through his relationship with Harry Creager's former girlfriend, Bandler became familiar with the the Creager brothers, knowing of Floyd Creager's pronounced vulnerability, as a potential 'patsy'...

Bandler's inclusive motive for murdering Christensen, according to Harry Creager, is because Christensen was Bandler's commonlaw wife's main source of cocaine supply; which Bandler did not want her (his planned wife and mother of his planned children - marriage and children being very important to Bandler) to ingest during her pregnancies. This motive, also, was never presented to or known by the jury.

***In 15 months and 49 articles of SENTINEL and MERCURY News reportage on this sensational and sleaze festooned murder case, District Attorney and Chief Prosecutor Arthur Danner's name is never mentioned publicly, and he is never reported as making any comments whatsoever***

*about it.*

NO PROBLEM IS RESOLVABLE WHEN SURROUNDED BY DENIAL  
(= grid-lock)

The elimination, omission, obscuration and/or diminishment of witnesses, testimony and evidence (alternately favoring the prosecution or the defense, depending on what trial is being ‘fixed’ for who, this time), is the favored tactic and freely wielded signature of the self-serving, N.L.P. Smash Hit Emperor of Santa Cruz County, Arthur - ‘Squeaky’ - ReverseTheCharges - Danner III. Having David Copperfielded major witnesses, testimony and evidence, along with the constitution of the United States and the Statue of Liberty. ....

*If a 50,000 megaton nuclear air-burst occurred 2,000 feet above central Los*

*Angeles, and no one heard it (‘What?’): would there be any noise?*

*Continued:*

Murder is perfectly legal in Santa Cruz county. All you need is a thick enough stack of glowing, Geiger counter gagging letters of recommendation, from large enough groups of Very Important People, Army Intelligence Officers, and nine dildos, proven beyond a reasonable doubt to have been the well used property of a widely known bi-sexual dominatrix-lesbian bookkeeper and call girl (The SENTINEL finally refers to her as a ‘woman’, on the triumphant day Bandler is acquitted). The overwhelmed jurists, no longer, seeing, hearing, understanding, feeling or knowing what they used to understand, see, hear, feel and know. (Paging Ms. Misogyny?)

**“Orwell’s Predictions Are Ridiculous”, TIME magazine, 1/1/’84, continued:**

No one in the D.A.’s Office for example - no one in the heart of political correctness, would be caught dead on the witness stand, being morally judgemental about any of this. It wouldn’t be prudent (and who knows who the rogue CIA might waste and rigor mortise, in a floored and overturned chair for 36 hours, next... The guilt saturated, over-sexed victim was, after all, publicly reported as being in the act of snorting a line of rock & rollex ‘recreational nose kandy’ (among the most insidiously destructive illegal drugs in the U.S.) at the precisely kosMickarMick moment Ms. Quacko was sooper mysteriously whacked.

Arthur - Reverse The Charges - Danner was definitely ‘out of the loop’, on this one, warm-gun-wise. The Chief County Prosecutor is not responsible for what he is responsible for.

**Clean, Swift & Silent as a (36 hour, boudoir delayed) police dog whistle.**

**“CODE OF SILENCE”:**

**A Covert, Conspiratorial Agreement To Betray Overt Oaths Of Public Office**

POST SCRIPT

Mr. Danner’s VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM

is the recipient of the GOVERNOR’S (Wilson’s) AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

What Art Danner does for an earth scorching encore.

A Few Final Words From The Local Ministries Of Truth & Justice continued:

July 1990. SENTINEL. Regarding Santa Cruz County court minutes relating to the bygone, ‘resolved’ Bandler-Marino trial: “All forensic (physical) evidence was destroyed, by order of the judge.” / “It’s fine with me, said prosecutor Gary Fry, “I want to put that case behind me.”

And so it is. Directly behind him. The instrument of Art Danner’s own undoing.

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Reich & Wong (Some things never change), continued:  
7 April 1995, on page A-1, SENTINEL staff writer May Wong covered Danner, attending the Los Angeles 'media circus', surrounding the O.J. Simpson case: 'Danner said he also spoke (on CNN) about how he believes the Simpson case will force changes in the criminal justice system.' (What EYE suspects): "I suspect that people will say, 'Heck. We've got to find another way to get closer to the truth'", Danner said.  
(What EYE blames) "Not surprisingly", reporter Wong adds, "Danner blamed defense attorneys for going to the media and raising irrelevant issues." Well. That settles it. Danner mentioned 'the Trailside Murder Case' and other issues; never breathing a word of what may be the most sensational and important case in county homicidal history. Certainly a rogue CIA linked 'domestic murder' case, of capital import.

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Arthur Danner is also under long standing charges (that he feloniously will not allow to be filed against himself or any other of many cited co-offenders) for his 15 year, actively ongoing participation in a locally active, rogue C.I.A.-motivated, N.L.P. practicing pedophile cult, stationed out of Los Angeles. Originated by the feloniously fugitive Richard ("Call me 'Big Brother Dick' - 'Why don't you call the police?!") Robertson, vice president of DPM COMPUTERS; listed in the L.A. Yellow Pages.

### AFTERWARD

The propounded ousting of Mr. Danner sometimes evokes an impotent objection that he may be replaced by someone worse - thereby gutlessly forsaking the democratically principled example that must be made in the preservation of democracy, by expelling and punishing tyrants. Danner's replacement would in such action, receive solemnly necessary notice, that the same can indeed happen to any malrepresentative of publicly empowered office. And, so it could. So far, no such (sorely overdue) notice has been adequately recognized.

Evoking the Jeffersonian axiom: "Those who do not oppose tyranny, are self condemned to live under it."

Likewise cogently relevant here, is the same former president's advise: "The price of liberty, is eternally vigilant struggle." (Paraphrased)

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### About The Author:

The 56 year old, 5'7", 140# Eurasian, S.S.I. disabled record is an ordained Military Chaplain, and a V.F.W. (Veterans Of Foreign Wars Chief Warrant Security Officer - one of the two co-founders of V.F.W. Bill Motto - Wage Peace - Post 5888. With no serious police record whatsoever. Never legally charged, let alone convicted of any felony.

The record is also a Bay Of Pigs, Cuba, '61 Expeditionary veteran, with three and a half consecutive years sea duty on a 35,000 ton ammunition ship (USS Great Sitkin, AE-17), as a Bosun's Mate Striker / Coxswain (command authority on boats), and a naval artillery 1st loader; including a unit citation for the navy's first at-sea nuclear weapons transfers.

District Attorney Art Danner III, has, in the past 15 and more years, arraigned this record five times, for charges including 'threatening his life (this case was 'dismissed in the interests of justice'), and an unrelated charge for 'battery', against nine veterans - much younger and larger than the record, in a 36 month period ('83 - '86); wherein Danner has lost all five arraignments (all signed by Danner with no other complainants), including a jury trial for battery, against three maverick veterans younger and larger than this record - the only jury trial ever converged on Mr. Robertson - also lost by Danner and his malanthropically wild eyed confederates. Danner's latest failed prosecution of this record was between May and October of '96, when he falsely charged this record with 'felony cultivation of marijuana'. The case was dismissed - under Judge K. Akao - before it went to trial.

Presently, Danner is vainly asserting false charges of 'felony firearms

assault', in what is actually a 'no charges, no arrest' case ('97SC-93336. Refer Lt. Sepulveda or Lt. Skeery, SCPD), of saving Floyd Creager's life (without harming or firing upon anyone of a group of five juvenile assailants, armed with a baseball bat) on 6/15/'97. Lt. Sepulveda has commended this record under those circumstances, for its tactical restraint. The attack occurred in front of the record's domicile, from which the weapon was produced and thrice fired in the air, scattering the assailants; all three rounds landing in the Bay, 400 yards southward.

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Speaking of goon squads: since the first publication of this Memorial Record and its distribution throughout Santa Cruz county (9/'96), the County VETS OUTREACH officers at 842 Front Street, led by Cy Wannarka, Myrna Cherin, Vets Memorial Bldg. Manager, Andy Botsford, Parks and Recreation Director, Barry Samuel, along with the entire 12 chaired, public endangering Vets Memorial Building \*Board Of Trustees, chairmanned by former county Supervisory Board candidate, Timothy McCormick (\*Already under formal suit for 'mismanagement' - a suit which they recently lost to local attorney and veteran, Larry Goodman, in an 'unrelated case'); have rumorially and conspiratorially persuaded this record's federally employed VA (Veterans Administration) counselors, that he is a threat and a danger to their personal security. Exactly what the cited Board Of Trustees has been under continuous, Grand Jury Complaint submitted and officially witnessed, documented fire for, since 22 January '97 (Refer the formal complaints to two Grand Jurys, at the progression of this record).

Meanwhile, County Vets Service Officer Cy Wannarka and chairman Tim McCormick have persuaded the record's federal counselors to penetrate his federal claim confidentiality by a falsely motivated and imposed 'aversion of danger' clause; accessing Art Danner and his county cronies (cited above) to this record's otherwise 'confidentialiy guarded' federal claim.

Thereby thought-policing a hysteria for unauthorized persons, including Cy Wannarka and Art Danner, to invade this claimant's federal counselorship and VA file confidentiality. VA counselor C.L. Burgor was elaborately lied to, by County Vets Service Officer Cy Wannarka and the publicly endangering Vets Memorial Bldg. Board of Trustees The 12 chaired Trustee Board hoodwinked federal counselor Burgor and her immediate superior, Dr. Katherine Yoon to divert the public endangerment they were found responsible for (In the Santa Cruz County administered Vets Memorial Building), from themselves, on to this record (*K.B. Robertson*).

Resulting in six VA counselors continuing refusal's to counsel with this veteran record, for post traumatic stress disorder evaluation and therapy; displaced with county employee originated lies, defamations, threats; intimidations projected on and about this record.

Floyd W. Creager, a 100% post traumatic stress disabled Vietnam veteran, was recently instructed (9/'97) by his VA counselor, Dr. Patrick Murphy (who the record has never met), not to relate to, socialise with or be friends with this record anymore, 'Because he smokes pot (under Medical marijuana authorization), and he's crazy'. Character assassination, 'hazing', social ostracization as continuously ongoing conspiratorial objective, transferred from Arthur Danner's county government chain of command, to the cited federal government VA employees. The light drinking record does not use non-prescription hard drugs. He is a cross-trained Fleet medic and Chaplain, with nine years service on V.F.W. 7263's 7th Avenue based Honor Guard.

This report exists to insure public identification and accountability of the herein cited persons as accessories to, during and after the fact(s), regarding public endangerment by the Vets Memorial Bldg. Board Of Trustees, led by Cy Wannarka and Tim McCormick, as well as negligent entrustment (of the Trustee Board) by the county Board Of Supervisors (responsible for the



Vets Memorial Bldg., under state senate bill 544, in the jurisdiction of state senator Bruce McPherson). This report includes making known to the reading public, not only public endangerment by the cited offenders, but also the described - county and federal government joined - oppression of this VA applicant and claimant, and suppression of the above documented 'Code Of Silence In Santa Cruz County' - documented evidence, witnesses and testimony from an unresolved murder case (There is no statute of limitations on murder).

Mr. Danner and a host of his associates are also conspiratorially coordinated in obstructing justice, and in many cases, supporting and functionally representing an underway, undeterred, locally active, N.L.P. and Orwellian NewSpeak-practicing pedophile cult (originated by Dick Robertson, vice president of DPM COMPUTERS in Los Angeles, rogue C.I.A. - Experimental PsyWar - operative; initiator of THE ROBERTSON FAMILY CONSPIRACY) - tenaciously dedicated to feloniously extending while simultaneously denying, covering up and/or conspiratorially blaming their feloniously insidious trespasses on others, including this record.

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Below, is a letter to C.I.A. Director Robert Gates, dated **13 March '92, Friday**, from the record.

Director Robert Gates K.B. Robertson  
Central Intelligence Agency 114 Maple #2  
Washington, D.C. Santa Cruz, CA.  
20505 95060  
13 March 1992

Dear Director Robert Gates:

From the ascribed date, the following communication becomes a matter of permanent public record: with regard to Richard Robertson V of Los Angeles, vice president of DPM COMPUTERS, near North Hollywood, California; who arrogantly claims to be employed by your agency; operating inside the U.S.A.

Between 19 and 25 November, 1990, I audio tape-recorded a conversation between my oldest brother, Richard Robertson V, and myself. *A full verbatim transcription of this communication is on pages ~ thru~ , below, near the close of this report.*

In this for the moment briefly described conversation, the former confirms the following:

**A.** He openly acknowledges and complains of a raped infant daughter in (then, since the time of) late 1963; corroborate with the presidential assassination chronology.

**B.** He has never reported, or allowed the reportage of the crime.

**C.** Richard Robertson is still overtly and conspiratorially blaming our stepfather, William Henry Oshie, for the unreported crime.

On the other hand, this record is given every reason to believe, that Richard ('Call me Big Brother Dick') Robertson has covertly blamed this crime on his younger brother, K.B. Robertson; this record. Having mobilized the qualified (voluntarily engaged) public to do so (blame this record for what Richard Robertson and his friends, is, are, and continue to be responsible for); since late 1963.

Nineteen years ago, in 1971, I documented exactly how I learned of this crime; from whom, when and under what circumstances:

The (qualified) public in my direct experience has been very effectively and specifically mobilized to methodologically punish and ostracize me, for the rape of a child in 1963: ABOVE THE LAW , MORALITY and REASON. That, the participational public was motivated by, Richard 'Big Brother' (BB) Robertson - who gives a new meaning to and assigns a new mission for Orwell's NEWSPEAK and DoubleThink; inspires his conspiratorial following by referencing his affiliation with your agency. This last information derived 11/90 from he and his (amazing) wife.

In the early '70s, the record, upon receiving and reporting this information to the San Francisco police; who insisted:  
**'We need a complaint from the parents';**  
vacuously asked this record:  
**'Why wasn't this crime reported earlier?'**

It is in fact felonious for the parents not to report this crime, when they know of it; as Richard Robertson has already proven in his own audio taped words that he does.

On the other hand, it is patently insane (and felonious) to hold this record responsible for causing the culpable parents - especially the father, to report this crime; which this record learned of only when Richard Robertson finally told the record (3/'70, Concord, CA.) seven years after the allegory fact; still being complained about and blamed on other people (11/'90), including this record.

It is also felonious for the parents to secretly blame this unreported crime on anyone else; all who 'help' or comply are likewise, criminal accessories to the ongoing fact(s).

*(Accessory obstructers of justice, aiders, abettors and accessorized feloniously fugitive pedophiles, by any other name. There is no Arizona state or federal statute of limitations on pedophilia - tantamount to murder... )*

The (eventually informed) police have never allowed any signed complaint(s); the record being under documented, continuous coordinated siege; including the black-listing of his book, GRAVITY IS THE 4th DIMENSION, by the rumor mobilized public; for over 20 years. If the targeted author receives public recognition and credit for his achievements, the ROFACO will be exposed and recognised for it's achievements.

It is felonious to participate in, comply with or willfully deter and obstruct the reporting of this elaborately documented, ongoing crime. The conspiratorial participants constitute nothing less than a continuing, 29 year old undeterred, proliferately growing pedophile cult (*Refer: The Deliberate Manufacture Of Falsehood And What It Is Doing To Our Lives, by Ian Mitroff and Warren Bennis./ Who Murdered Mae Brussell And Why: 'Entertainment Industry Psychological Warfare' and the findings of Stanley Milgram's PERILS OF OBEDIENCE*).

In late 1990, the record also learned that his mother, \*Martta H. Savolainen Robertson Oshie, 'disappeared', without explanation, with his Algonquin nationalized, Ojibway Chippewa tribalized stepfather, \*W.H. Oshie, in 1975. No relative has seen or heard anything from or about either of them, since last \*contacted in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, 1975; \*both key witnesses in the original formation of the subjected conspiracy.

Upon being told by this record, 'It is felonious for you to be blaming our stepfather', Dick Robertson boldly replied:

**'Why don't you go find him and tell him?!'**

- Richard Robertson, 11/24/'90; speaking of the man he is feloniously and conspiratorially blaming for pedophilia.

**Imperatively demanding that someone else carry out his responsibility(ies) for him. Dick Robertson's methodological signature. The 'whispering wind' under his BB (Big Brother) codified, broken wings. The heroically worshiped leader of all pedophiles and their advocates, everywhere.**

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*Richard Robertson V. Vice president of DPM COMPUTERS, Los Angeles. A CIA extant and rogue operative since Army duty in Germany, mid late fifties. Former employee of IBM and REMINGTON RAND. Holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Electronics Engineering, Computer Engineering, and a degree in law (L.L.B.) Res.ph. 1-818-982-*

Richard Robertson is self proven, asking everyone else for decades to do his job for him, he finally got around to telling the record to tell \*Bill Oshie, what he (Richard Robertson) was obliged to tell his \*stepfather and the police about, since late 1963. Still asking somebody else, to contact his stepfather: "Why don't you go find 'em and tell 'em?" - that Dick Robertson is - for decades - secretly and conspiratorially accusing him of pedophilia.

Exactly what Dick Robertson has said this way, on audio tape, of his stepfather, is what he has gotten other people to do, relative to this record ('Big brother's little brother'). Who Richard Robertson is blaming at the current time - who he blames (his stepfather or his youngest brother), seems to depend on who he's talking to.

Dick Robertson V, now resides in North Hollywood; the vice president of DPM COMPUTERS in Los Angeles; DPM stands for Don P. Moser, who is the president of that self described, allegory C.I.A. affiliated company.

Richard Robertson has traditionalized an effective disciple-gathering purportation to be an employee of your agency, the Central Intelligence Agency. Originally under his US Army affiliation and post service employment with I.B.M. and the RAND Corporation.

This certainly 'explains' the ongoing, all-time police refusal to allow this case to be reported: the suspension of all the conspiratorial target's constitutional rights - placing him on psychiatric medical hold on three different occasions of attempting to report this crime to San Francisco police (in the early '70's, as will be documented herein).

The third medical hold historically imposed on this record, culminating in a Superior Court statement resolved that this is a police case and that this record is a victim of its (feloniously fugitive, neighborhood mesmerizing, amock running), non-reported status, to the best knowledge of the staff and resident doctors (including Dr. Herbert) at Mission Terrace Hospital in San Francisco; in the early to mid '70's. San Francisco police, Ballantine and Hansen, still refused to allow any police report to be filed by this record.

Santa Cruz county district attorney Art Danner III, is likewise indictable for refusing to allow reportage (5/'84) and, for direct conspiratorial participation (*'It would be wrong to mace a child!' - Asst. D.A. Norton - what the D.A.'s office did, in court - about the ROFACO complaint sent in ten months earlier. More will be said about this 'child macing' demonization, later in this report*) while losing grotesquely inverted battery charges against this record (3/'86) in the only jury trial he's ever been the subject of.

Other known; provable local participants and complicitors include Sheriff's Deputy O'Hare, Chris Matthews, Judge Tom Kelly, public defender James Macmillan, Dr. John Gillette, V.F.W. members Timothy McCormick, Robert ('Watch your children when Ben's around') Shippen, Richard ('W.e. A.re A.ll H.eroes! <W.A.A.H.!>/'Did you do it?') Anderson, Steve ('Ben bit someone's ear off and is known to carry a gun') Bare, Robert ('Ben is an enemy of the post') Hall, Steve ('I heard about you and I've got your number') Hasna, and Lee T. Bookout - from anonymous thousands.

The record is bringing this pedophile fugitive (R. Robertson V) to justice under title 18, CONSPIRACY Code - no limits statutes: to publicly hold him to account, with still active, documented, recent social oppressors: so designated by Richard - Big Brother (*BB - Big Brothers initials, and the second letter of the alphabet, twice in a row, numerologically equaling 22; codifically referencing 'CATCH 22'*) - Robertson (Who finally told this record, in 1970, of this crime and, that <he says> he is blaming on our

stepfather; since '63, as is documented herein in the transcribed audio-tape of November, '90, on pages ~ thru ~ below).

Dick Robertson is motivated since, to criminally 'transfer' his responsibility for this qualified, subjected crime onto someone else - alternately blaming it on his stepfather, William Henry Oshie, and his youngest brother, Kent Benjamin Robertson (the record).

The conspiring family - the initiators, originators and perpetrators of such a non reported crime, other-person-blaming and punishing cult - invariably evaluates and selects by 'pecking order'-applied standards; as to who is determined to be guilty, and who can't possibly - must not - have anything to do with it. In the collusively vile, covertly conspiratorial name of ('lights out') 'resolution'.

Such an assailant's wife, quite predictably defends him; *is not merely ignorant of the truth, but, also quite predictably and importantly: does not want to know the truth.* In this contrived scenario, the mother and the conspiring - back room seancing - family, equal a crowd such as that documented above, in Guatemala, murdering an innocent person, who has been patently proven to be innocent: before they went on to murder her (anyway).

Pedophiles and their subordinate participants and complicitors are notoriously known to be compulsive repeaters; require compulsively repetitious attacks on targeted victims; in this case by as many persons as can be persuaded to attack and otherwise harass Big Brother's ('puny, wimpy, powerless, known megalomaniacal') little brother. Orwellian NEWSPEAK (and bullet dodging ducks) quacked - and whacked - fluently here.

The record has been in personal consultation with congressman Panetta of the 16th federal district for the past eight years (at the time of this 1989 writing, which has since then been updated). On 3 January, '92, the congressman (and others) reviewed the audio tapes (transcribed in later portions of this documentary report) and received copies of verbatim transcriptions, of Dick Robertson personally confirming A., B., and C., above; whereupon the congressman finally expressed his tentative willingness to carry federal prosecution (title 18 - no statutes of limitation) to Dick Robertson.

Panetta has stipulated:

*"I don't want to do this by the seat of my pants. I would like some backup on this"*; since learning in late '90, that this record's eldest brother ('Ha! What can you do?! Why not turn me over to the police?!') is a (berserked; amok) C.I.A. constituent.

Can you, Director Gates, assure the congressman, with the requested 'back up'?. Will you please do so? Simply allow the law to carry out what it has been and continues to be disallowed from doing, and/or through abuse of office, by malrepresentative officials: feloniously chooses not to do.

(There, never having been a 'choice' in this matter, with regard to reportage of crime, from the advent of Richard Robertson's problem, and his evolved, extra judicial adventures of influencing the neighborhood to blame it on and enthusiastically punish somebody else for it, in the pedophile cult endorsed name of 'resolution'...)

The record will be happy to provide whatever further information and proof he has of this, at your request. The subjected congressman has on file several hundred pages of my submitted; detailed statements and documentation on this case; since 1984. The record most urgently requests your interest and action in this extant, actively ongoing, feloniously unresolved, socio-legal abomination.

R.S.V.P., I am respectfully yours,  
Kent Benjamin Robertson, 13 March, '92

**DANNER’S LIST. Anthologised by Bob LaMonica**

9 June, 1987. Under many witnesses, Mr. Danner consumes a gin and tonic and part of a second over 45 minute period, prior to colliding head on into another vehicle, driven by Sandra Larsen, who sustains serious head injuries. Larsen is given a field sobriety test in the emergency room, her blood was ‘analyzed in elaborate tests’; shows no trace of alcohol or drugs.

Mr. Danner is not given a field sobriety or blood test. ‘A diagram attached to the (police) report shows the accident was ‘front end to front end’, and is called ‘a fender-bender’, that occurred when Danner attempted to turn left (out of the JURY ROOM bar’s parking lot on Ocean Street, across from the court house and Gvt. Bldg.) into oncoming traffic.” (Going the wrong way down a ONE WAY STREET.) Three months later, Mr. Danner is cited for ‘failure to yield right of way’.

Mr. Danner settled out of court with Ms. Sandra Larsen, for \$20,000.00 bodily damages. The SENTINEL newspaper delayed reportage of this (\$20,000.00 ‘fender bending’) event for two weeks. The incident occurred just prior to a county election, and in the midst of the *preliminary* trial of Bandler-Marino, in the Corine Christensen murder case (as documented in ‘The “Code Of Silence” In Santa Cruz County).

- San Jose Mercury News, 12 June 1990

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Mr. Danner hires in late 1985, Tehama County Deputy District Attorney Christine McGuire, who had prosecuted against her public defender and romantic partner, a violent felony case. The conviction was reversed by Appellate opinion citing “sustained dating relationship with the prosecutor”.

- Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Complaint, 27 October 1994

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Mr. Danner assigns prosecutor Anna Matheson to Municipal court Judge Tom Kelly’s courtroom for six months in 1986, when an extra-martial affair between them was ‘common knowledge.” Mr. Danner calls allegations of impropriety, “ridiculous”.

- Santa Cruz SENTINEL, 23 September 1994

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Mr. Danner assigns from 1988 to 1989, Mary Margaret Bierbaum, ‘level 3’ prosecutor, to the Major Narcotics Vendor Program, in violation of Major Narcotics Vendor Grant requirements that participating deputy prosecutors be of ‘level 4’ status.

- Santa Cruz County Grand Jury complaint, 27 October 1994

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Jason A. Hopkins, son of Jon Hopkins, Santa Cruz County Chief Deputy District Attorney, is arrested and booked in county jail on charges of possession for sale of psilocybin mushrooms, 18 March 1988. Decision arranged with Attorney General’s Office not to file charges. Mr. Danner states “It was handled like any other case.”

- San Jose MERCURY News, 31 January 1989

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Mr. Danner orders investigation of Gary Patton during 1990 supervisor’s re-election campaign. Charges of using County typewriter for campaign purposes surface. Mr. Danner asks Mr. Patton to reimburse County for a typewriter ribbon, which he (Patton) does. - Santa Cruz SENTINEL, 5 December 1994.

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Mr. Danner has felony charges of Subordination of perjury involving three California Highway Patrol officers (who obliterate from records traffic citation issued to John Geringer in late 1991) reduced to misdemeanor



status, disposed out of court, behind closed doors. - Santa Cruz Grand Jury complaint, 27 October 1994.  
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Mr. Danner decides not to prosecute Sheriff's Officer Todd Liberty for excessive use of force against George Nichols. Mr. Nichols, who states he would have settled "for an apology and a handshake," sues. Federal judge views video of the 1991 incident, grants summary judgement of \$390,000.00 to Mr. Nichols. Total loss to County including legal fees: about \$500,000.00  
- Santa Cruz County Grand Jury complaint. 27 October 1994  
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Mr. Danner's function as Public Administrator, which resolves estate and property issues, with power to seize assets and rule on competence, has raised major questions in numerous cases. - Several public sources have raised this issue.  
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Mr. Danner, in violation of procedural rights, quietly banishes 11 year director of Victim Witness Program, Judy Osborn, to kitchen of District Attorney headquarters at Watsonville Courthouse, without desk, telephone or computer, August 1993. Ms. Osborn is prohibited from sending or receiving mail. Ms. Osborn succumbs to stress, goes on medical leave in December 1993.  
- Santa Cruz County Grand Jury complaint, 27 October 1994  
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Mr. Danner chooses to keep investigation within District Attorney's office when Harper's Magazine "C-NET" police brutality tape surfaces in late 1993, referring matter to Attorney General months later when publicity grew heavy.  
- Santa Cruz County Grand Jury complaint. 27 October 1994.  
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Citing 'violation of due process', May 1994 Appellate Court ruling reverses 1991 Santa Cruz County murder convictions of John and Chris Badgett. Defense attorneys charge Mr. Danner with "dragging the case in the sewer", and "serious misconduct". Mr. Danner calls ruling "hyper-technical". - Santa Cruz METRO newspaper. 26 May '94.  
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Mr. Danner arranges County vehicle in addition to \$5,400.00 travel allowance for his Chief Investigator, Alan Johnson, until situation surfaces in September 1994..  
- Santa Cruz SENTINEL newspaper, 12 December 1994  
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Mr. Danner grants immunity to John Hamre in exchange for information on stabbing death of Christian Brown, 29 June 1994. After cooperation, Mr. Danner withdraws grant of immunity, charging Hamre with accessory to murder, Judge Bill Kelsay later dismissed charge. - Santa Cruz SENTINEL newspaper. 19 october 1994  
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Tara Fawett is arrested, 3 September 1994 in connection with drive-by shooting, booked into County jail on charges of accessory to attempted murder and drunken driving. Louis Rittenhouse, Tara Fawcett's stepfather, calls Mr. Danner regarding the matter. Mr. Danner calls Judge Tom Kelly. \$250,000.00 bail is dropped . Ms. Fawcett is released. "The contact we had with the councilman (Rittenhouse) had no impact on why we made the decision," said Mr. Danner.  
- Santa Cruz SENTINEL newspaper. 15 September 1994  
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Mr. Danner takes a \$1,600 trip to Washington, D.C. to attend Crime Bill signing. In a September 12, 1994 letter (the day he left) Mr. Danner submits requests for travel reimbursement. County rules require approval in advance. On September 13 (the day after he left), County Board Of Supervisors vote 4-1 to approve the trip, after the District Attorney is already arrived in Washington, via stolen County funds.  
- Santa Cruz SENTINEL newspaper, 18 September 1994  
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Mr. Danner places Assistant District Attorney Catherine Gardner on administrative leave, 18 March 1994, then fires her on 20 July. Time cards are falsified at Mr. Danner’s direction for 17 weeks at full pay (including benefits, about \$30,000.00). When Ms. Gardner demands a civil service hearing, the covered-up, falsified timecards surface. Mr. Danner asserts he has the authority to go against County code. Mr. Danner responds to Auditor-Controller Gary Knudson’s preliminary report on the matter with “I may just decide I’ve had enough and decide what to do legally,” saying he might sue Mr. Knudson if his final report is not, according to Mr. Danner, legally correct. On 6 December 1994, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors vote 4-1 to take no action against Mr. Danner. Outgoing Sheriff Al Noren says “I think the (supervisory) board fell flat on their asses - or faces.”  
- San Jose MERCURY news, 17 October 1994;  
Santa Cruz SENTINEL, 7 & 8 December, 1994  
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“The Borland Amendment”:  
Gordon Eubanks, CEO of Cupertino based Symantec Corp., and Eugene Wang are charged with stealing trade secrets from Wang’s former employer, Borland, in 1992. Defense attorneys suggest “Maybe the case should have been investigated by somebody independent”, since Borland is a Santa Cruz County company.

Mr. Danner calls comment “lawyer’s tricks.” Hearings uncover that the District Attorney’s office had accepted \$13,00.00 from Borland to defray cost of investigation, and that Jonathan Rivers, a key investigator on the case, went to work for Borland days after Santa Cruz County Grand Jury had indicted Wang and Eubanks in February 1993. On 23 August 1993, Judge Bill Kelsay disqualifies the District Attorney from prosecuting the case, stating “rather strong evidence of a reasonable possibility of compromise of prosecutorial discretion” and, “If the District Attorney’s office continues with this prosecution, they (District Attorney officials) will be on trial”.

Mr. Danner responds “We agree. The judge was wrong.”  
- Santa Cruz SENTINEL newspaper. 6 March, 24 August & 8 September 1993

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**A FORMAL COMPLAINT  
TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GRAND JURY**  
**TO:** The Grand Jury of Santa Cruz County **From:** \*Kent Benjamin Robertson  
(Former case number CC99-102)  
**19 August 2000**  
The Judicial, Journalistic, Veterans Administration & ROGUE C.I.A.  
INSPIRED CODE OF SILENCE In Santa Cruz County. Part III  
A Case History.  
***Urgent Introductory Note: this formal complaint was originally submitted to the Grand Jury of 99 - 2000. Then assigned as CC99-102. It is modified and revisionally edited for re-submission and re-address to the Grand Jury of 2000-2001, for highly qualified, documented and self-explicitly clarified reasons provided, forthwith. It was firstly submitted 27 July, 99. Condensed and re-submitted 28 September, 99. Foreperson Al Richard's responded, 19 October, ‘99, that the submitted complaint 'does not meet***

the required guidelines of a complaint; leaving no alternative but to close the case as presented.' **Also reminding the complainant that the issued complaint, 'has to be in the Grand Jury's jurisdiction'.**

***As though this complaint was not qualified as such, and/or might not be in the Grand Jury's jurisdiction. Foreperson Richard's brief letter also explained that four (of nineteen jurors, including five alternative) chairs constituted a Crime Committee, that disqualified the submitted complaint. Intimating that only 4 of 19 Grand Jury members received or knew of the complaint. The record requested then (and still respectfully requests) instructions as to how the alleged 'unmet guidelines' can be satisfactorily fulfilled. Without response from the previous Grand Jury. For - in this case - unjustified reasons, 15 of 19 formerly incumbent, now adjourned jury members had no knowledge of this complaint for the first eight months following its 7/27/ '99 submission. Incorrect reasons for closure of this case are unequivocally manifest in the foregoing. In accordance with redress of grievances, under the 1st Amendment. of the US. constitution. Complainant requests a response, including the assignment of a new case number to corroborate this resubmitted case. (To the Grand Jury of 2000 - 2001.)***

***Thanking you for consideration of this formal complaint to the Grand Jury of 2000 - 2001 (ut infra), I am very respectfully and gratefully yours, Kent Benjamin Robertson. 28 September, 1999 Re: Grand Jury Case \*CC99 - 102***

**Re-submitted complaint follows:**

**In response to notice from Grand Jury, dated 15 September and received, 18 September, 99, Sat. (on permanent file) *Please note:*** The (previous) Grand Jury forepersons (Al Richard's) letter also states a preference for a one page complaint. But this is not a requirement (as the formal Complaint Form - Civ. GJ 1 Rev. 3/ 95, itself clarifies: 'If more space is required, continue on reverse side and if necessary, attach extra sheets to this complaint form.' ). ***Complainant defers to the lengthy history, abundance and diversity of Mr. Danner's criminal actions and their culpably self incriminated, government busting and belaboring, infrastructural administrative tributaries. The consequent requirement here, for multiple pages of description, constituting this complaint. Mr. Danner's trespasses and those of his criminal complicitors and participatory accessories are extensive. Herein (as CC99-102) severely abbreviated (now re-submitted to the Grand Jury of 2000 - 2001 as CC00-005). While maintaining highly qualified documentation and specificity. In lieu of more specific requirements, requests and/or instructions from the Grand Jury; from whom the record implores understanding.***

***This record will continue to do everything within reason to meet your requests and/or understandable requirements. Please continue to honor me with communicating same, freely .***

***There are many individual abuses, and many individual abusers of office here, to investigate, gainsay, reprimand, correct, charge, and/or indict. Be reminded: These problems and their ingenuously causal \*hosts have a recent (if already ominously obscure) history of overwhelming, criminally paralyzing; then terminating a sitting county Grand Jury.***

The Grand Jury of 96 -97 went extinct months before completing its obligatory, state senate law required year of incumbency. Due to a series of voluntary resignations. For reasons of intrigue and duplicity imposed upon Grand Jury membership(s) by their justice obstructing \*legal advisors in key county government stations (\*as below listed; marked with asterisks). As explained in the foregoing.

**State law requires each county to have a Grand Jury in place at all times. How that Grand Jury is further instrumentalized is at the advisory and instructional binding discretion(s) of the below listed,**

**cited, county government employed offenders. Each cited official a proven nemesis unto his and herself. Tampering with and otherwise illegally advising and instructing the Grand Jury: having become their proven, justice-evading policy since the sinister extirpation of the Grand Jury of 96 - 97. Emerged again over the Grand Jury of 99 - 2000 in the insidious closure of CC99-102. Presently hovering over the incumbent, newly installed Grand Jurists of 2000 - 2001.**

**\*Extantly triumphing still, over the law and morality in county, state and federal jurisdictions: via a now presiding (former district attorney) \*Superior Court Judge (Danner), the \*County Counsel & \*Supervisory Board : the Grand Jury's toxified - conflict-of-interest compromised - advisory resources (most recently including *the \*D.A.'s - Ron Ruiz' - office* (*obstruction of justice, willful refusal to charge or prosecute proven felonious fugitives - multiple counts of same*); since 9/20/ '99. For legally binding, overdue unresolved and unacted upon, functionally unavoidable reasons, as listed below. County jurisdictional articles of formal complaint, follow.**

*I am very sincerely, respectfully and gratefully yours, K.B. Robertson.*  
**Under federal, state and county law, the (former) chief prosecutor is already felonious (sans limitations statutes) in his obligatory and undone duties regarding non prosecution of a capital crime; namely murder in the first degree; of Corine Christensen. With regard to the uncharged star witness in the Bandler-Marino case of 11/ '86 - 1/ '88. Namely, one James Marino: self confessed - on the witness stand - accessory to the fact in first degree murder (in admitting he concealed the murder weapon; his description of its location then confirmed by Sheriffs divers; from the Capitola pier, 11/ '86); as per the court minutes of Mr. Marino's described confession. Refer, *Richard Bandler vs. The people*. Critically important testimony and witnesses were very deliberately excluded from the main trial by the prosecuting attorney(s). Certainly including the witness-ship testimonies of \*Floyd and Harry Creager, the former of whom was \*tentatively framed for the murder (the proven effort <intent to frame an innocent person> was aborted before being carried through), without the jury's knowledge. Including the jury's deprivation of many other importantly omitted informations, such as the 'disappeared' preliminary trial minutes. Judge Cottle issued illegal jury instructions; as proven in closing trial minutes, 1/ '88. Both Mr. Marino and Mr. Bandler were strangely and notably made immune to all drug charges. Whereas, neither man (of the only surviving witnesses) present at the murder scene was legally made immune to murder.**

**Yet, Mr. Marino proves out to the time of this writing, to be uncharged with the murder he proved himself accessory to the fact in; as described above. The non prosecution of Mr. Marino is dereliction of duty, obstruction of justice, and accessory after the fact on the part of the \*district attorney, Mr. Danner's - since manifestly evident - crucial role as accessory to the fact in deliberately obstructing justice (conspiracy to exclude witnesses, evidence and testimony from the main trial); contrivance to avoid prosecution; criminal negligence.**

**The deliberate withholding of evidence and testimony from the †main trial in the cited case; by the peculiarly selected, itinerant - out of town; non homicide case experienced - prosecution (Gary Fry. His case closing statement: *We can't prosecute Mr. Marino. We have no evidence against Mr. Marino. We must have evidence to prosecute 1/ '88, SENTINEL. Gary Fry is since become a federal prosecutor*). †As compared with the evidence and witnesses who were called to participate in the preliminary hearing. From which the minutes were mysteriously \*disappeared (for years; reappearing in a local judges chambers with equal mystery); \*post incidental to the preliminary hearings (June, '87) and prior to the main trial (12/ '87 - 1/ '88). Refer, the (submitted) documentary 16 page \*CODE OF SILENCE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (attached).**

**Mr. Danner's assistant prosecutor (+Norton, March, '86) proved himself a spokesman for Mr. Danner's (+proven) part in the Robertson Family Conspiracy (a feloniously fugitive pedophile cult, documentary cited in the Grand Jury deposition of 7/26/99 -CC99-102. +Refer, the attached two page letter to C.I.A. Director, Robert Gates, dated 13 March, 92). When +he subjected a (+'It would be wrong to mace a') child, in court and +projected that child in Mr. Robertson's face; under Mr. Robertson's (VFW, congressionally chartered, Chief Security Officer's) state licensed mace. While losing - singular complainant - Danner's battery charges against Mr. Robertson, in the first jury trial the latter has ever been the defendant in, in his presently 59 years. +Transporting and placing a child where it doesn't belong. A thematically compulsive behavioral trademark and unrestrained urgency of the Robertson Family Conspiracy (ROFACO) participants and practitioners. Regarding the chronic abuse, misuse and perversely motivated, literal and contextual invocation, transportation, misplacement, misrepresentation of children: aiding, +abetting and representing a fugitive pedophile. Adding to Richard Robertson's unchallenged offenses: locally, recently and endemically carrying out the extra judicial blaming and punishing of someone else (K.B. Robertson and his stepfather, W.H. Oshie) for a federal and state crime on which there is no statute of limitations; in Santa Cruz county, California state and the United States.**

**Under the direct and punitive influence of his feloniously fugitive, multiple pedophile father - Richard Robertson V - this record's 27 year old nephew, Douglas, a prime witness against his father, doused his body with gasoline and immolated himself, in his mothers condominium kitchen, Hollywood, California, 11 September, 1990. Acquiring 3rd degree burns on 90% of his body; except his face and groin. Douglas Robertson died, six weeks later, on or about Halloween day of 90. A matter of official record.**

**Seven years earlier, April '84, Mr. Danner was petitioned formally (by this record; via a 173 page documentary report) to take action against local and active elements of the cited Robertson Family Conspiracy. (ROFACO) Mr. Danner's representative - in May '84, a Mr. Justin Lighty, an assistant DA.; on a county letterhead - denied any obligation on the district attorney's part, to take action against said local elements (including Tim McCormick and Robert. E.L. Shippen). The record submits that, if such obligatory action had been taken by Danner in '83, Douglas Robertson would still be alive today. For this reason the record charges Mr. Danner, for the manslaughter of Douglas ('paranoid schizophrenic') Robertson; under the colors; i.e. special circumstances incurred in Mr. Danner's office and criminally forsaken obligations as a public servant; under the law.**

**Mr. Danner is found red handed stealing 30 thousand dollars of county taxpayers money. This information unexpectedly surfaced at an unanticipated civil service hearing (A former Asst. DA., Catherine Gardner, publicly contesting her former superior, District Attorney Art Danner III): revealed the theft by Mr. Danner and his efforts to cover it up.**

#### **Diving Further Into The Wreck**

**All this information unexpectedly emerged when former Asst. DA. Catherine Gardner formally contested Mr. Danner's firing of herself... Civil Service hearing revealed furthermore that Mr. Danner compounded his theft by trying to cover it up in counterfeiting false time cards; as though the fired employee were working - serving the county - for the stolen money. (Refer, DANNER'S LIST, attached.)**

**The Board Of Supervisors did not then; neither does it now have the authority to \*authorize the proven theft (via any judgmentally pretentious, extra judicial 'ratification'). Multifariously, routinely and ambitiously giving increased meaning to the observation that the law is meaningless, if and when it is not enforced: regarding Mr. Danner's**



proven, multi-felonious, grandly larcenous - under the colors; ex officio mocking actions. The Board Of Supervisors extended ratification (\*Resolution # 114-95, 4/-4/ '95), having inclusively succeeded only in incriminating its Danner-rescuing innovators (Obstruction of justice. Categorically defined conspiracy - in four out of five supervisorial chairs - to avoid prosecution); as accessories to Mr. Danner's original crime(s): grand larceny; trying to conceal same. Busting the Board Of Supervisors; then effecting the †extirpation of the ( † '96 - '97) Grand Jury itself: to save himself from justice via misrepresentation of office: aggregate *abuse of power*. Contiguous factual accessories, justice obstructions and obstructers of justice.

†The Grand Jury received public sector-originated complaints in the wake of all of the above \$30,000.00 theft and ratification controversy; shortly thereafter going extinct. Via a precipitous rash of voluntary resignations resulting from internal gridlock about whether or not action should be taken against Danner and/or the Board Of Supervisors (both of which elements constitute the authoritative arms of the Grand Jury. Bearing out monumentally demonstrated \*conflict of interest. Further compounding the cited offenses). Resulting in †dissolution of the Santa Cruz county's Grand Jury before it completed its annual term; between 6/ '96 and 6/ '97. State law requires a sitting Grand Jury in all California counties: at all times. The state leaves to each county government, how the Grand Jury is predisposed. *\*The Grand Jury's decreed, contractual authority originates in advise from the Board Of Supervisors and the D.A.'s office, as well as the County Counsel (a select group of county employed lawyers) and the county Superior Court...*

*A similarly duplicitous Danner-intrigue, involving \$808,000.00, recently emerged, 6/21/2000, in the Santa Cruz SENTINEL. Wherein, Mr. Danner asserts that the \*Supervisory Board and \*County Auditor Knutson knew of the 'squirreled away' money. All of the latter, Danner-referenced authorities flatly deny any such knowledge. Refused to give him his usually provided shelters and ad hoc ratifications. On 12 July, 2000 a METRO DeCinzo cartoon aptly described Mr. Danner's earned reputation as 'a well known sleaze bag.' Mr. Danner dares not sue for slander: because the understatement is historically and overwhelmingly the proven truth.*

*Clandestinely withholding this accumulating state subsidized money, for years (and years)... At the expense of single mothers and their children, who were intended to benefit from it. Constitutes solemn derilection of duty and plural criminal contingencies. Lying about Board Of Supervisors and County Auditor alleged knowledge of same constitutes a failed effort to cover up and/or decriminalize the 'rat-holed money' and/or criminalize the Supervisory Board and County Auditor. No charges have been brought forth on this so far. Complainant requests that Mr. <'No secrets here'> Danner be charged with dereliction of duty; negligent entrustment <including negligent abuse of single mothers , their children; the tax burdened community> - and coverup of same <attempting to hide behind, lie about, entangle and otherwise incriminate others> on this - stylistically precedented - note, alone. Intent to steal these secretly hidden funds is strongly evidenced here. ('it doesn't make any sense.' Danner's defense. Also asking *What advantage is there?*, with regard to his uncovered, vainly denied secret. (Nearly a million dollars secretly withheld from it's intended recipients, accumulating for years; concealed for mysterious reasons: portends one hell of an 'advantage'. It is not for the press or the public to discern 'What advantage' there is here, it is for Mr. Danner to explain; which he hasn't done and very notably hasn't been obliged to do....)*

The Initial Grounds For The Commencement Of This Ever Since case closed Complaint:

Mr. Robertson became aware of a Vets Memorial Bldg. security - public endangerment - issue, when he began counseling at that location with county hosted federal counseling Team Leader, C.L. Burgor, in November,

96. The record repeatedly observed no staff in the building between noon and 1: PM, while the building was left open to public access and a federal counselor. Who routinely started her Monday scheduled, six hour counseling sessions at noon; was left unsecured on the second floor, assigned to a counseling room immediately adjacent to two publicly facilitated bathrooms, with a history of gang-logos carved in the walls, used condoms on the floor, and residual white powder on the backs of the camodes.

Mr. Robertson discreetly and privately brought this situation to Mr. Cy Wannarka's (County Vets Outreach Service Officers) attention (by phone). The latter, flatly denied any security problem and any responsibility for building security; refused for five ensuing weeks to take the issue to the county assigned Vets Memorial Bldg. Trustee Board. Wannarka spoke of counselor Burgor's autonomy and said that she had not complained of any security issue. The record reminded Mr. Wannarka that it was inappropriate to entangle federal counselor Burgor in the county jurisdictioned issue and obtained Wannarka's agreement at that time not to reveal the security problems to the federal counselor, using the county assigned Rm. 22 on the 2nd Flr., on Mondays between noon and 6:pm.

The balked record was thereby circumstantially required by Vets Service Officer, Cy Wannarka to attend a 1/22/ '97 convened Vets Memorial Bldg. Board Of Trustees meeting; obliged thereby to do Mr. Wannarka's and the Board Of Trustees job for them. (\*record was initially told, repeatedly, by several different board members, later including Parks Director Barry Samuel, that there was no security problem in the building. 1/22/ '97 Board Meeting: Board Member James Wainscoat. Sitting immediately adjacent to the record, leaned into the latters face and proclaimed:  
*'There is no security problem in this building. The little lady on the couch (Bldg. Mgr. Andy Botsford) has it covered.'* (Laughter. An anonymous male voice from the presiding membership interjects: *\*'Killer on the road.'* (\*The next lyrical line of which is, 'His brains are squirming' like a toad.)  
*Wainscoat adds assertively: 'If you want security in this building, you can pray for it!'* Wainscoat is a Wannarka assigned Trustee Board member. This denial and allusion to \*prayer occurred 22 January, 97; at a formally convened meeting, under over a dozen witnesses and on audiotape. \*It contradicts the constitutional separation of church and state.

Chairman McCormick repeatedly tried to gavel the unexpectedly becalmed Mr. Robertson down: *\*You're out of order!* (Acronymically spelled *\*Y.O.O.O!*). Followed by an anonymously murmured echo in male voice from presiding membership. *\*He's out of order!* (\*Acronymically spelled *H.O.O.O!*). Notice also that the *\*statement* is falsely applied to the complainant when it applies to Board Member James ('Pray for security') Wainscoat. The record submits that this ambush was *planned* by Wannarka, McCormick, Wainscoat and anonymous others. The self-revealing objective being to provocatively get Mr. Robertson to lose his temper; do something unreasonable that would ecliptically displace/divert from the real issues in contention.

This ambush-attack method is evident in the behavior of this records self made adversaries throughout this described complaint: The methodological motivation for tabling the finally reluctantly acknowledged and voted upon (11-1) acknowledged security problem and refusing to respond furthermore (for eighteen months) to Mr. Robertson's weekly mailed complaints to the Board Of Supervisors, as well as Mr. Robertson's unanswered voice mail depositions on Mr. Wannarka's after hours answering devise. The manifest ambush-attack method of provocation of complainant is particularly evident in the ex tempor lockdown of Mr. Robertson five months later at Fort Ord. 6/26/ '97, which will be explained in the foregoing. Moreover: Chairman YoooHooo McCormick is on record as a ROFACO participant, since 1983.

Counselor Burgor's name was never mentioned by this record or anyone

else at the issued meeting of 1/22/ '97. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Robertson had talked to Board spokesman Wannarka (late Nov., '96) about her personal endangerment as well as that of the cross sectionally considered public, during noon to 1:PM periods when staff abandoned the building while leaving it open to the public. Wannarka agreed not to involve Burgor.

Wannarka continues to state himself autonomously unaccountable to/for the record's inquiries on behalf of public security; regarding the Board Of Trustees very reluctantly obtained, 11-1 agreed upon (then tabled, ever since subjectively occulted, further denied, filibustered and/or ignored) violations of Health & Safety codes. Accompanied by the \*negligent entrustment thereby, of the pretentiously aloof Board Of Supervisors, since the benchmarked, Board Of Trustees meeting of 1/22/ '97. Refer, state senate \*Bill 544, proving the (negligently entrusting) county Board Of Supervisors responsible for the cited Vets Memorial Bldg. Board Of Trustees.

State senate bill 544 confirmationally qualifies negligent entrustment on the part of the county Board Of Supervisors, as superiors over the county government appointed †Vets Memorial Building \*Board Of Trustees: under Health & Safety codes, namely, public endangerment. The board's \*refusal to respond to public inquiries and (1/22/ '97's) acknowledged needed, but strangely withheld, unrepaired and/or illegally occulted corrections. \*The cited Trustee Boards ensuing engagement of federal government authorities and jurisdictions on false pretenses. Blaming of this record, for what the Board Of Trustees and all of their county government superiors are continually guilty of in this tenaciously unresolved, functionally ignored and/or impotently responded to complaint. To wit: public endangerment and impertinent, contemptuous refusal ('If you want security in the V.M.B., you can pray for it') to correct, answer-to or satisfy public and private sector originated formal complaints and inquiries: by the †V.M.B. Trustees. Regarding Health & Safety code defined violations and negligent entrustment (\*under State senate bill 544) - through refusal by the Board Of Supervisors to cogently respond to this record's weekly complaints (for 18 months following the described 1/22/ '97 Trustee Board meeting), *requesting correction of the 11-1 agreed upon, then tabled security problem.* Shortly thereafter including endemically evident intrusions on this record's federal counselor(s), including hostile and falsely founded invasionary actions against this records federal claim. As will be irrevocably if briefly documented in the progression of this complaint.

***Complainant requests that the V.M.B. Board Of Trustees and/or their superiors also be required to answer his specific questions about whether or not working and parking security has been established and/or will be established as policy: on the 2nd floor*** (Where Board Of Trustee superiors are on submitted record as having been assured by the Board representatives that \**'there hasn't been a security problem on the second floor since the Board Of Trustees was installed'*, <late '95> - \*C. Espinola, 10/ '98, of the county Human Resources Agency. This is a <convened Trustee meeting, 1/22/-'97> proven, long established, many times repeated and multiplied, ponderously bold lie. The entire cited county gvt.. chain of command is agreed to 'ratify' it, by making it an ever-enlarging lie; told enough times, by enough important liars), ***with regard to secure parking arrangements for government employed persons working in and around the Vets Memorial Building, 846 & 842 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA.*** To date, the only assurance of V.M.B. security offered to this record is founded in his presumed capacity for prayer. This official advise, proffered by an unrestrained Board Member at a convened meeting (1/22/ '97), is - among other grievously inflammatory, distinctively provocative encroachments - in violation of the US. constitution. Which requires separation of church and state. So far, Mr. Wainscots invocation of god, prevails.

The sacrilegiously inspired advisory has yet to be gainsaid or alleviated by anyone. Only further and blasphemously reinforced, extended and

capitalized upon. Trustee Board member and spokesperson, Cy Wannarka, has not to the knowledge of this formally complaining record been called to account for anything. Including his Cinco De Mayo, '97, noontime intrusion on federal counselor C.L. Burgor during her agreed upon meeting with this record at that time; regarding improved security arrangements for her parking accommodations (acquired for her, by the exclusive efforts of this record and no others): or his (Cy Wannarka's) unexplained, extra-jurisdictional presence on location of this record's federal compensation and pension examination (conducted by Dr. Joseph - Rule Out PTSD - Keenan), at Palo Alto, 17 July, '97. This record deserves to hear that explanation, also. Mr. Wannarka long ago, repeatedly and omnipotently declared himself and the Trustee Board he speaks for, 'autonomous from all government' (in those words; repeated by Board member and V.M.B. Mgr., Andy <'I was only kidding'> Botsford, who has since been *promoted*, as coordinator, at the local Civic Center)...

Cy Wannarka is not to the knowledge of this record, called to account to any other responsible individual or office for anything he and the Trustee Board, along with county assigned power of attorney Myrna Cherin and V.M.B. Bldg. Mgr. Andy Botsford, imposed upon public safety and the \*complainant of public endangerment; including their (motives for) interfering with and intruding upon \*this record's federal claim and the duties of the assigned federal authorities. Since proven to be have blamed the record for what they are: dangerous to the public - most certainly including federal counselor Burgor. (Who, Board Chairman Tim McCormick and spokesperson Cy Wannarka with others, persuaded: *Mr. Robertson is overly concerned with his counselors security. Infatuated and/or in love with her. Trying to take control of her life. When he learns he cant do that, he may become a threat to her.*

This quote will emerge five months later from Dr. Katherine Yoon stationed at Fort Ord. As will be further explained in below portions of this formal complaint.) Former Vets Memorial Bldg. Mgr./ Trustee Board member Kelly Smith was fired (for fictionalized, unrelated reasons) for agreeing with this record on the issue of public endangerment, through March of '97 - months after the issued meeting of 1/22/ '97. Mr. Kelly Smith, as witness to the above described Board Of Trustees meeting events (and his described punitive firing, by Cy Wannarka and Tim McCormick) can be reached at (831) 477-1345.

**1/27/ '97: a matter of days after the cited Trustee Meeting of 22 January, '97: During this records federal counseling session between noon and one PM, Monday afternoon: county employee, James Bindi knocked loudly on the counseling Rm. 22 door; interrupted this record's federal counseling; to inform counselor Burgor, who answered the door: 'I wanna talk to Ben! I wanna talk to Ben!' Whereupon, the record stepped out in the hallway to hear Mr. Bindi admonish: 'Watch your back! James ('Pray for security') Wainscoat is an ex cop out of Washington, D.C., and he might be C.I.D. (Criminal Investigation Div). Watch your back!' A physical threat: from the publicly endangering Trustee Board. An invasion of the record's federal claim, counseling and counselor. A bold portention of things to come.**

James Wainscoat is physically much larger than Robertson, as is Mr. James Bindi; ostensibly reinforcing and adding to Mr. Wainscoat's original offense(s). That is to say, Wainscoat was not reprimanded. He was instead, duplicitously reinforced. By conspiratorially acquired; acted upon information; in the person of James Bindi, a short time after 1/22/ '97. Mr. Bindi has nothing to do with this record's federal claim, and nothing to do with this record's business with the county. Was not present at the described meeting. Has since, falsely proclaimed in a phone call to him about this by this record, that he (Mr. Robertson) told him (James Bindi) of the trouble at the Vets Memorial Building Board Of Trustees meeting of 1/22/ '97. Mr. \*Bindi (Formerly with Naval Intelligence. Vietnam service. Masters degree in theater), is witnessed by federal counselor Burgor, and on audiotape,

making this counselorship-interrupting statement, and adding in reference to this record: 'Everything you say, is s--t'; describing thereby, everything \*he says, in this case, under these proven circumstances. \*Assuming that the conspiracy he (Mr. Bindi) has proven himself a part of, will continue to protect \*him and his fellow co-conspirators in county government, beginning with Art Danner, Emeline Street Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. John Gillette, McCormick and Robert ('Watch your children when Ben's around'.) Shippen; as early as '83.

Moreover, Wannarka, has not been brought to task for his methodologically operative (idiosyncratically familiar) intrusive interception of this record with his counselor, 5 May, '97; at noon. Complainant requests assurance from the unrestrained county elements at 842 Front Streets VETS SERVICE OFFICE and the Board Of Trustees, that this veteran and his federal claim will not be further attacked by Mr. Wannarka or anyone acting under his influence(s) against this record, who must appear at and immediately next to that office (842 Front Street) for needed transportation contingent to his federal claim.

Mr. Danner's office (is proven as having) released (to the inquiring public, including John Gose of 116 Maple St. #4) a false report (of felony firearms assault) against Mr. Robertson, to the public. Also including now federally employed Dr. Katherine Yoon. Former county employee; former subordinate to county employed, Emeline Street stationed Chief Psychiatrist Dr. John Gillette. Dr. Yoon and Gillette routinely doing confidential official business with Art Danner.

Dr. Gillette is on (3/ '86) record, saying of this Danner assigned defendant: 'Mr. Danner says you're a \*pest, and I agree with him.' This was while Mr. Robertson was *required* to counsel with Dr. Gillette, in lieu of Mr. Danner losing threatened my life charges against Mr. Robertson, in court, 3/ '86. *Refer \*Webster's - pestophile fly swatting - dictionary; abusive name calling language (the foundation of physical violence) and destructively employed nuerolinguistic programming - observed to be very popularly wielded in homicidally accessorial county government circles (As long as it works, why fix it?) Richard Bandlerism rules. All the way through the newly installed, Burgor-Yoon administrated VET CENTER @ 41st Ave. & Jade St. in Capitola* (from which Mr. Robertson is functionally ostracized at peril of physical provocation, attack, threats, restraint, false accusations and charges, lockdown, etceteras. Because Team Leader Burgor has repeatedly proven - while simultaneously denying - that she fears Mr. Robertson, physically. Mr. Robertson cannot relate voluntarily to any woman who so fears him. The Big Bang Gang has her under MR. CLEAN'S well known spells.).

Resulting (6/26/'97) in a falsely founded and imposed medical hold, physical restraint, transport and incarceration of this complainant (false imprisonment at the VA Mental Health Facility in Palo Alto. Mr. Robertson was represented by congressional liaison, Vets Rep., Hua Kwoon, of San Jose, three days later. Whereupon he was released *due to lack of cause.* A matter of federal record). The ensuing, ongoing functional disintegration of this complainants federal claim - by federal authorities, Yoon-Burgor, via the criminally acting influence and authority of the Board Of Trustees, Myrna Cherin, Andy Botsford, Dr. J. Gillette and Art Danner. (Danner's office is proven, releasing false reports of 'felony firearms assault,' 6/ '97. Refer John Gose, 116 Maple St. #4. Mr. <Nothing to do with it> Danner is falsely alleged via Vets Administration Dr. K. Yoon to be physically threatened by K.B. Robertson; and the alleged reason Mr. Robertson was locked down, 6/26/97 - as an alleged threat to self or others.

This is when Dr. Yoon parroted her diagnosis that *Mr. Robertson is overly concerned with his counselors security, infatuated and or in love with. Trying to take control of her life. When he learns he can't do that. May become a threat to her.* This ambush-attack occurred during a regularly scheduled monthly appointment, 6/26/ '97. Ten days after Mr. Robertson




saved Floyd Creager's life (In a 'no charges, no arrest' case - 97SC-93336), without endangering anyone else, with a legally sequestered firearm, as described near the close of the Judicial, *Journalistic & Rogue CIA CODE OF SILENCE In Santa Cruz County*, attached...).

Mr. Danner is in possession, control of, and/or has destroyed valuable and life saving property belonging to Mr. Robertson (contingent to a †no arrest, no charges incident, 6/15/ '97. Ten days before Dr. Yoon was told by Danner that her client was charged with felony firearms assault). Mr. Danner stole Mr. Robertson's weapon, in \*barring its return by the SCPD. in August '97; as described and documented in the records 7/26/'99 Grand Jury deposition. And, as proven in referencing Lt. Skeery, SCPD († 97SC-93336) - witness to the above theft; which cited thief and (\*public endangerer - Mr. Danner) did not and \*cannot show cause. (\*Mr. Robertson may be required to save a life with a firearm, again. Refer 97SC - 93336). Complainant requests return or restitution payment for the stolen, officially acknowledged life saving property.

**Closing note (more specificity, as required, in the formal complaint instructions):** It is felonious to deliberately destroy evidence (SENTINEL report, 7/'90) in an unresolved murder case. The Bandler-Marino case is categorically - by documented definition herein - unresolved. Mr. Marino; as Richard Robertson V, is a self established, proven felonious fugitive at large. Mr. Danner has not only failed to prosecute, but has furthermore, repeatedly and measurably *defended* - encouraged the defense of - both of the cited fugitives. Endemically abusing his power against K.B. Robertson as a matter of long term, multi-faceted county government policy, via county government sanctioned authority and representatives, most of whom are directly related to and connected routinely with Art Danner III. Motivated to disintegrate K.B. Robertson's credibility, Mr. Danner (& Co.) have only revealed and disintegrated their own. Without restraint. For decades, thereby making himself/ themselves; likewise feloniously incriminated and likewise fugitive. \*The law being meaningless, when not enforced or represented.

Since '83, Mr. Danner has, under his singularly complaining signature, obliged Mr. Robertson to defend himself, in court - with charges ranging from threatening his (Danner's) life ('87), to battery ('86), and felony cultivation of marijuana (10 /'96), and lost charges against Mr. Robertson: all five times. In attempting to attack Mr. Robertson's credibility, via abusing the power of the DA's office, Mr. Danner has only obstreperously managed to diminish his own credibility while obsequiously proving that (ostensibly conspiratorial) intention aimed at Mr. Robertson.

No informed officials in the area are rustling up anything even vaguely resembling an investigation or posse on these articles of formal complaint, herein. The cited officials have authoritatively informed the Grand Jury that they refuse to be found accountable, charged, or prosecuted. Disintegrating the Grand Jury of '96 - '97 altogether. Keeping CC99-102 (this record's originally submitted complaint to the Grand Jury preceding this one) from the knowledge of 15 of 19 Grand Jurists for eight out of 12 months (And, so far, those are uncontested, mighty damned good odds & ends.)

Circumspecting the Bandler-Marino case: Danner and his pliant judiciary cohorts destroyed - disappeared and otherwise omitted - evidence, witnesses and testimonies, before and after the illegally arrived upon verdict (1/27/ '88); from a deliberately under informed, misinformed, malinformed (\* "kinky sicko / 9 dildo inventoried / 7 daily clients booked/ bi-sexual dominatrix,  high class prostitute"), mesmerized and illegally instructed jury. (\*Prolifically name-called, deceased victim is never called a locally sequestered **rogue C.I.A. cocaine trafficking book-keeper**. Which is what she was and why she was murdered. How and why her - host of - Danner -included, Chief Prosecutor-protected murderers are free.)

The record requests that Mr. Danner, as Chief County Prosecutor



overseeing this unresolved murder case proving Marino is an accessory to the fact - be charged with dereliction of duty. Obstruction of justice. Protecting Mr. Marino; assignationally allowing Mr. Fry to generally blunder through the mockery of a trial. Liberating Bandler and never charging Marino with anything. As though not charging Marino were an option. As though the Chief Prosecutor had nothing to do with it. That such option ('We cant prosecute Mr. Marino.') was taken: cannot be argued. ('We have no evidence against Mr. Marino.' <Our applauding hands are tied>). A non existent 'option' that the law does not in this case make any allowance for at all.

Yet, the reality is, the disallowed option was taken; allowed to be taken repeatedly, anyway. Criminal transgressions: compoundly, repeatedly and methodologically dominate the entire proceedings and their cogently socio-legal orbits. Over extensions, bald faced lies, glaring omissions, disappeared preliminary trial minutes, grotesque immunization from massive drug trafficking charges, covertly secreted/aborted efforts to frame an irrelevant third person: unrevealed to the Jury. Illegal jury instructions. Burned forensic evidence. <Jury tampering, mesmerizing, spellbinding, razzleDazzling, Saddle Blazing clouds of dust, snowy white powder and thickly issued toxiferous pink smoke everywhere; in all of these complaint cited cases.> The abundantly proven realities are dismissed for lack of evidence: Do not meet the ex tempor appointed list of (herein cited, county gvt. authored) guidelines, as presented. Beginning, middle and The End. (*Tha' tha' that's all folks?*). In this centripetally spin doctored, Geiger counter gagging, nuclear free zone. (*What it would figuratively sound and look like if a 50,000 megaton Hydrogen bomb, air-bursts 2,000 feet over Central Los Angeles, and nobody heard any noise <What?>*). A Richard Bandlerised, rogue C.I.A. sponsored, locally produced and directed, low budget judicial and journalistic fallout. A no-big-thing sort of experimental, crowd controlling, psychological (*ho hum*) warfare event. Projected on the entire community. (Hasn't scratched yet). Swift, silent and deadly as a - 36 hour boudoir belated - police dog whistle. Cleaner than a hound's tooth. Soupier than SERPICO. Stonewall Jackson buried in Grant's tomb.  $2 + 2 = 5$ . JFK shot himself. Hate is love. Here and now is there and then. Reality is something else. The Invisible Crazy-making (*What?*) War. (Is peace.)

*In deference to the incumbent Grand Jury Complaint Forms interrogative:  
How would you like to see this matter resolved?*

The complainant requests the engagement of investigations, reprimands, formal charges, indictments, summons; where overduly applicable. All hinging on Grand Jury's recognition of this (so far uninstructed, unresponded to 'non-guideline meeting') complaint. Charges, trial and judgment under the ever obligatory law(s) have yet to be put forth against the herein cited authorities. In lieu of unapplied resolutions: complainant requests guidance, instructional correction and/or other reasonable response from the Grand Jury: Art Danner III and his duly cited, inescapably compromised - *impunity intoxicated (unrestrained, unreprimanded, uncorrected)* - accessories are long overdue to be appropriately investigated, reprimanded, corrected, legally charged / indicted. In accordance with proven transgressions, under county, state and federal laws. Based on the presented (*denied, ignored, capriciously evaded*) documentary evidence: collaboratively \*felonious for adequately informed officials to disregard. \*Non action (*denial / tabling the issue / case closure/ non-response due to the nature of the complaint / Orwellian plagiarized NewSpeak & numerological codes / conjured autonomy above the law*) is not an \*option.

**R.S.V.P. I am very sincerely, respectfully and gratefully yours,  
Kent Benjamin Robertson 19 August 2000**

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**16 November 2000, Thursday**

Dear Grand Jury memberships:

The (attached) 9/7/2000 dated communication from Grand Jury Foreman Dave Brockmann, proclaims , “It is the understanding of this Grand Jury that the matter you refer to was presented to the previous Grand Jury. After consideration, the case was closed. It will not be reopened unless you can furnish evidence of a more recent occurrence, and/or new data not previously brought to the Grand Jury’s attention.”

The first of the two above italicized statements completely disregards the 1st Amendment of the US constitution. That being the right to ‘Redress of grievances’ (and ‘free speech’). The firstly submitted case (CC99 -102) was closed without showing any real cause for closure. Instead, the record was ‘reminded’ that the ‘complaint has to be in the Grand Jury’s jurisdiction.’ Which it - categorically - is.

The record was also advised to confine his complaint to one page - which is not a requirement at all. Finally the record was told that the submitted complaint of and since 7/27/ ‘99 ‘does not meet guidelines’; without being instructed how to meet the so called ‘guidelines’ - which so called ‘guidelines’ are determined by the officials who are being complained against (refer, ‘conflict of interest’). The second italicized statement (above; dated 9/7/2000) proclaiming that, the closed case (formerly CC99-102, now CC00-005) will remain closed until ‘new data’, or a ‘more recent occurrence’ is presented by this complainant.

Whereas, the first complaint submission was closed without tenable reason. Keeping it closed on that unreasonable primary premise does not make the secondary closure more reasonable. On the contrary, two wrongs do not cancel each other out to make a right. Nor are these complaints any kind of algebraic issue. All of the above points are made clear in the attached letter (dated 9/30/2000) to congressman Farr.

Whereas, two articles of the existing complaint (murder, and pedophilia) have no statute of limitations, and, whereas, there is in fact ‘new data’, and a ‘more recent occurrence’ in the re-submitted complaint(s) at issue.

Whereas, the 21 June thru 10 July 2000 SENTINEL coverage of the story regarding former District Attorney Art Danner ‘squirreling away’ \$808,000.00 of state and federal moneys (intended to benefit single mothers and their children), died on the SENTINEL conveyed, journalistic vine. The first emergence of said story occurring 21 June, 2000 and the last - of three - articles occurring in mid July, 2000. In these three articles, the public is never informed what became of this ‘squirreled away’ money. Mr. Danner proclaims the issue to be one of a ‘difference of philosophical opinion’, riddling the reader with the question: ‘To what advantage?’. The issue of ‘to whose disadvantage’ is never breached. The stolen funds are spun-out to be ‘secreted’, and the secret is never revealed.

The question of whether or not the missing funds ever reached the persons intended to benefit from them is left unanswered; unpursued. As though the women and children for whom the issued funding was intended - and the SENTINEL reading public (whose tax money is at issue here) - are considerations of no importance. As though Art Danner is not found concealing massive funds, while brazenly lying about and trying to blame it on and otherwise find refuge in the incrimination of the Board Of Supervisors and the County Auditor. Falsely proclaiming that those authorities knew of the issued missing money, while the entire Supervisory Board and the County Auditor deny any such knowledge.

Mr. Danner is self revealed as a criminally consummate liar. A bearer of false testimony; while vainly trying to protect himself at the expense of attacking innocent citizens and fellow officials. Mr. Danner has a long

history of such insidious prevarications (including elaborately and repeatedly lying to federal and local officials about this record; as described and documentarily proven in the submitted complaint - CC-00-005; formerly CC99-102); so far, with complete impunity.

Mr. Danner behooves the incumbent establishment representatives to introduce him to his limitations. So far, Mr. Danners endemic abuse of power knows no limitations. He is proven a close associate of a locally active, rogue C.I.A., cocaine trafficking element, that murders, disappears court minutes, omits witnesses and testimony, with impunity. Refer, THE JUDICIAL, JOURNALISTIC & C.I.A. INSPIRED CODE OF SILENCE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (as submitted to the Grand Jurys of 1999-2000, and 2000 -2001): A patently proven, methodologically practicing prevaricator. A tactically terror invoking tyrant. A patently manifest functional Fascist.

Major elements of county and federal government are guilty of complicity, regarding Mr. Danners uncontested attacks on the judicial system - the very constitution of the U.S. - itself; constituting nothing less than public mayhem. Uncorrected. Undeterred. Unchallenged. Passively complied with and/or actively supported. Mr. Danner has endemically and epidemically contaminated the entire county government chain of command; for decades... With conspicuous impunity. He is easily the most feared public official in the county. And he doesnt hold this dubious title without a lot of accessories to the fact. The Grand Jury is duped, mislead, lied to, evaded (and recently, altogether extinctified) on an annually rotated basis, by the same county government elements that have been in place, in many cases, for decades.

Whereas, every story has a beginning, a middle and an ending. This cited SENTINEL-published story is conspicuously ended right in the middle, without resolution. Very much as this complaint and complainant has been disposed of. All of the above is new - irresolutely suspended - information. Constituting a more recent - unresolved - occurrence, involving nearly a million dollars of 'misappropriated' money. Whereas, this complaint case (8/19/2000) was never justifiably closed in the first place, said closure is now being used as a 1st Amendment shunning crutch of precedence with which to prop up its continued closure by the incumbent Grand Jury. Making requirements that have already been met. Be reminded: these articles of complaint and their continuing dissolutions are not - despite Mr. Danner's previously submitted vernacular - 'philosophical matters of differences of opinion.'

Mr. Brockmann's letter (of 9/7/2000) closes with this offering, *Be assured that your identity will be known only to the Grand Jury. We are sworn to secrecy to ensure confidentiality of your identity and any information you may supply us.* On the subject of secrecy: it is a fact that information conveyed to the Grand Jury of 99 - 2000 was kept secret from 15 out of 19 memberships for a period of eight out of twelve months. Moreover, the complainant has no interest in any concealment of his complaint or anonymity. On the contrary, the important example of this very recent story and its portentous contingencies belongs under the Grand Jury's eyes and back in the SENTINEL, where it was conspicuously and anomalously discontinued, without resolution.

Whatever the formal outcome of this complaint: its release to the public of Santa Cruz county is imminent.

Requesting for the submitted reasons a reopening of this illegally closed case, I am very sincerely, gratefully and respectfully yours; awaiting the Grand Jury's withheld response.

- Kent Benjamin Robertson. R.S.V.P.

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14 May 2001, Monday

**Regarding: 20 March 2001, Tuesday Meeting with four person Grand Jury Committee members: Ms. Wong, Ms. Loomis, Ms. Cordova and Mr. Little. 4:PM to 6:PM, 701 Ocean St. (Box 542), Santa Cruz, 95060. Rm. 318's counseling cubicle.**

First, the good news. The four person crime committee (above named) did reassure the record that the 19 individually packaged and addressed mailing to all 19 chairs of the Grand Jury, was in fact received by all 19 memberships (including 5 alternative chairs)  
And now the news that is not so good..

"You've inundated us with information." - Ms. Cordova.  
"Because I have been inundated (besieged) with (complaint obliging) information." - The record

"We are not advised by the county government (Board Of Supes, County Counsel, D.A.'s Office and/or Superior court), as you say (have stated in writing) we are. We are advised by the state government." - Ms. Cordova, with the other three committee members nodding their heads.  
"Congressman Farr advises you in this letter about a firearms restriction, to consult an attorney. Why don't you do that ("Why are you burdening the Grand Jury with this?"), is what this implies.) - Mr. Little.

The record was obliged to explain the obvious to Mr. Little: the report to Congressman Farr of a 'felony firearms assault', by this record, was false. The federal firearms prohibition certificate was completely void of any real substance. Based on a totally fictitious, criminally prevaricated and submitted report from the DA's office, to two federal officials (Dr. Yoon and congressman Farr). That, the disabled record makes \$700.00 a month and cannot afford to spend money on a lawyer, to prove a negative that is already self-revealed. A matter of police record - \*97SC-93336, refer Chief Belcher, Lt. Sepulveda and/or Lt. Skeery - A three day 'detention', with 'No charges, no arrest'. Ms. Wong and the other three committee members received and read the \*police document, above described.

Ms. Wong responded to this evidence by saying: "Well. You did go to jail." Yes. It's called 'detention', when there's no charges and no arrest. Apparently Ms. Wong doesn't realize how easy it is for anyone to be jailed. You don't have to do anything wrong at all, and still be jailed. It happens routinely. You can go to jail for doing a provable right, which is exactly what case # 97SC-93336 proves, categorically ('No charges. No arrest'). A large percentage of people who are sent to jail, don't belong there. By that, the record means that it is later, and routinely patently proven, that they should never have gone to jail at all. The police and the courts are fully aware of this. Jail is often the place that an innocent person is obliged to be detained, until further investigation proves he doesn't belong there. It happens all the time.

In accordance with Ms. Wong and Mr. Little's 'reasoning' here, the proven false charges should be taken seriously, anyway. Just as the proven endangerment of the public in the Vets Memorial Bldg. should be ignored, because a covey of county employed government officials (The Board Of Supervisors, Parks & Recs Director, Barry Samuel, Human Resources Agency Administrator, Cecilia Espinola) are coordinately denying and lying about it, *after the 1/22/'97 Vets Memorial Building Board Of Trustees agree, 11 to 1, that there is in fact a security problem in the Vets Memorial Building.* In the views of Mr. Little and Ms. Wong on these notes, the proven facts should be over-ruled by proven fictions...

This stonewalling technique combined with methodological denial and prevarication, revealed throughout the submitted complaint (CC00-005) documentary as Santa Cruz County government policy,, should be honored, and extended furthermore. Illusory mental images and lies should preclude documentary proven factuality.

The record forgot to remind Mr. ('Why don't you hire a lawyer?') Little, that local attorney, Derek B. Albertsen agreed to take the case - to recover the weapon Mr. Danner stole from the record; then a short time later, attorney D.B. Albertsen, in abject, exemplary fear of Art Danner III (Self designated Emperor Of Santa Cruz County) balked his retainer and advised the record to find another attorney. The Grand Jury was sent a plethora of documents, including a copy of D.B. Albertsen's letter to this effect.

Mr. Little also asked if the record had submitted his complaint about Mr. Danner's many transgressions, to the CITIZEN-POLICE REVIEW BOARD at 915 Cedar Street. The entire four person committee advised the complainant - this record - to do this. At the time the record considered it a viable idea.

Since then (3/20/ 2001), the record has learned that the Citizen's Police Review Board is about litigation between the police department and citizen's who have, or believe they have grievances with the police department, and/or individual or collective police officers. This is not the kind of difficulty that the complaints (dated 19 August, 2000 - CC00-005) are about.

This complainant is happy to be able to say he has no complaints about the SCPD, whatsoever. Whereas, the subjected Grand Jury committee's suggestion amounts to an attempt to divert this complainant from the cogent jurisdiction of the Grand Jury - the four person assigned committee of which, would send him to seek assistance from the non contingent Citizens Police Review Board. (Word from reliable sources is that there is a strong, City Of Santa Cruz contingent; political movement, to extinctify the Citizen's Police Review Board, altogether. Reminiscent of Mr. Danner's literal extinctification of the Grand Jury, for the last four months of its '96 - '97 tenure.)

Mr. Little also reiterated the denial of the 18 month belated Human Resources Agency's response by representative Cecilia Espinola (*'There has not been a security problem on the second floor of the Vets Memorial Bldg. since the <- proven impotently arrogant -> Board Of Trustees was tokenistically \*installed.'* <\*Late '95 - a county - not state - government creation; 'what was done about' the endemic problems plaguing the county government entrusted Vets Memorial Building for decades. Refer, state senate bill 544, finding the County Board Of Supervisors responsible for county jurisdiction activities - categorically including public security and any public endangerment - in the County government administered Vets Memorial Bldg.>), and Parks and Recreation Director, Barry - Temerity - Samuel's audio taped suggestion of 'the public acting as security for itself', in the staff-abandoned building from noon to 1:PM every weekday.

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Moreover, consider this documented history: County Vets Service Officer, Cy Wannarka's 'explanation' to County Human Resources Administrator, Cecelia Espinola, who wrote the following - verbatim - quoted letter to Mardi Wormhoudt of the County Board Of Supervisors, dated 19 October, '98:

"Dear Supervisor Wormhoudt:

This letter is in response to Mr. Schiffrin's letter of August 25, '98 concerning the complaint of Mr. Ben Robertson about the County Vets Service Officer (Cy Wannarka and the entire Vets Memorial Bldg. Trustee Board). I understand from Cy Wannarka, that he did discuss the matter with



Mr. Schiffrin (Supervisor Wormhoudt's aide) by telephone and the matter appeared to have resolved itself, so no further action was taken.

"It appears that Mr. Robertson removed his file from the (county) Vets Service Office on April 8 '97, after signing the following statement: 'I no longer want the Santa Cruz County Vets Services Officer to represent me for my VA claim. I am taking my file this date.'

"A copy of the statement is on file with the office. Except for occasional after hours voice mail messages from Mr. Robertson, he has had no contact with the Vets Service Office. Because of the nature of the calls and the fact that Mr. Robertson does not specifically request assistance, the Vets Service Officer has not responded to the calls.

"Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in responding to Mr. Robertson.

"Sincerely, Cecelia Espinola, Human Resources Agency Administrator (10/19/ '98)"

From the above quoted letter we may understand that Mr. Wannarka persuaded his superior, Ms. Espinola, that because the record withdrew its federal claim from Wannarka's County Vets Service Office, his ( Mr. Robertson's) Board Of Trustee's meeting - 1/22/ '97 - \*confirmed complaints of \*public endangerment are no longer binding: as though Mr. Robertson no longer has citizen complaint rights, 'because' he isn't letting county employee, Mr. Wannarka misrepresent and sabotage his federal VA claim anymore... This submitted 'reasoning', is transparently unreasonable.

*(Mr. Robertson withdrew his claim from Mr. Wannarka's office: ergo, Mr. Robertson's 1/22/ '97 proven complaint about public endangerment by the incumbent Vets Memorial Building Board of Trustees and the entire chain of County Government command above them, is no longer valid?*

*What has Mr. Robertson's withdrawal of his federal claim from Mr. Wannarka's county government clutches, got to do with the issued complaint on public endangerment in a county administered facility? The only point made here by Mr. Wannarka is one of irrelevant diversion from the issue, passed on to Ms. Espinola, who echoed Mr. Wannarka's buffoonery as 'authority': as though, if enough authorities endorse the diversion, it must be germane to - and 'self resolve' - the patently unresolved <Trustee Board acknowledged - then tabled> \*issue <\*Including \*negligent entrustment of the publicly endangering Trustee Board, \*by the Board Of Supervisors, under state senate Bill 544>. Mr. Robertson fired Mr. Wannarka <on 6 March 2000, not 8 April as falsely stated above> from working his federal claim, therefore Mr. Robertson's complaint about public endangerment in the Vets Memorial Building is no longer binding? This is not funny. It is dereliction of duty, misrepresentation of office, and boldly rude abuse of power.)*

Mr. Wannarka also persuaded Ms. Espinola that, because Mr. Robertson communicated with him only via his "occasional after-hours voice mail", and "due to the nature of these calls and the fact that Mr. Robertson does not specifically request assistance, the Vets Service Officer has not responded to these calls". This is what Vets Service Officer Wannarka persuaded HRA Administrator Cecelia Espinola to extend as 'explanation', to Supervisor Wormhoudt, about 'why' Mr. Robertson's proven - unresolved - complaint was ignored; functionally gagged, for a year and a half, between 1/ '97 and 9/'98, when Supervisor Wormhoudt finally obliged the former elements to respond to the otherwise completely ignored, stonewalled, re-denied public security problem...

Mr. Robertson left voice depositions regarding the unresponded to, acknowledged and then tabled security problem, on Mr. Wannarka's answering devise, weekly. For over a year and a half. Ms. Espinola's letter

proves that Mr. Wannarka (along with Trustee Board member and Building Manger, Andy Botsford), lied to Ms. Espinola (and Mr. Barry Samuel), enormously - telling her that the record contacted him only 'occasionally'. These (at least weekly, over an eighteen month period) voice depositions were made 'after hours', so as not to intercede on Mr. Wannarka's time, during working hours.

Mr. Wannarka's communication to and about this record, via Administrator Espinola, calls weekly voice depositions for a year and a half, 'occasional', and 'explains' that Mr. Wannarka 'did not respond', because Mr. Robertson "made no other contact" with Mr. Wannarka, and "due to the nature of these calls" (a firstly and abundantly denied, then very reluctantly acknowledged, then *tabled* issue of *unresolved* public endangerment).

Mr. Wannarka's statement to Ms. Espinola, that "Mr. Robertson does not specifically request assistance" is a complete - characteristically bold - prevarication. The record relentlessly inquired of Mr. Wannarka (Weekly, on his 'after hours' voice mail), what improvements, if any, had been made, to correct the (1/22/ '97 Vets Memorial Bldg. Trustee Board meeting) acknowledged security problem (issue) in the building. The public endangerment issue was acknowledged by eleven out of twelve chairs on the Trustee Board. Then it was tabled. The Board refused to talk to Mr. Robertson on the issue anymore; whereupon, Mr. Robertson peacefully dismissed himself from the meeting.

Whereupon, Trustee Board Chairman McCormick resigned that same evening, after Mr. Robertson's departure. Mr. Wannarka corroborately refused to respond to - stonewalled - Mr. Robertson's 'occasional' voice mail depositions, from that point onward, for 18 months.

Mr. Wannarka has also apparently persuaded Ms. Espinola that after hours voice depositions are not viable. (What is an after hours answering machine doing in an office with officers that disregard the import of after hours voice depositions?)

Furthermore, the only reason Supervisor Wormhoudt finally responded to Mr. Robertson's *weekly hand delivered, written depositions to the Board Of Supes, C/O Ms. Wormhoudt*, was, in Supervisor Wormhoudt's own (Schiffrin-conveyed, 25 August, '98 dated, County Supervisor's letter headed) words, due to voice depositions left - by this year and a half stonewalled record - on Supervisor Wormhoudt's after hours answering devise.

Mr. Schiffrin opens his letter to this record: "I'm sorry I missed your telephone call (voice deposition) on 24 August, '98... We had not realized that you were requesting a direct response in your previous (written and hand delivered, weekly) correspondence and thought that you were simply keeping us informed."

Mr. Schiffrin closes this letter on behalf of Ms. Wormhoudt, saying, "Thank you for your patience". Whereupon, Supervisor Wormhoudt then persuaded Mr. Samuel of the County Parks and Recs Dept, and Ms. Espinola, of the County Human Resources Agency, to respond to Mr. Robertson's previously unresponded to - weekly deposited - written complaints to The Board Of Supervisors, and the unresponded to weekly voice depositions left on Mr. Wannarka's after hours answering devise.

Whereas, the record wrote to Supervisor Wormhoudt personally, as well as the other four county supervisory chairs - making hand delivered depositions *for over a year and a half, on a weekly basis*, petitioning specific actions be taken by Mardi Wormhoudt and the entire Supervisory Board (obliged by state senate bill 544 to take responsibility for county government activities in the Vets Memorial Building), relative to the unresponding Mr. Wannarka and the unresolved 1/22/ '97 acknowledged and then tabled - security problem.

The record specifically and repeatedly requested that the bereft security be corrected, and that the correction(s) be made known to the complaining record. Also leaving ('occasional') voice mail messages on Mr. Wannarka's answering devise, *on a weekly basis, also for over a year and a half*, before receiving any response whatsoever, then, that response being the above letter from Cecilia Espinola, who says that Supervisor Wormhoudt's assistant, Mr. Schiffrin, has been told by Cy Wannarka, that 'the (public endangerment, building security problem) matter "appeared to have resolved itself, so no further action was taken."

Whereas, Building Manager and Trustee Board member, Andy Botsford ('the little lady on the couch who has security covered in the Vets Memorial Bldg.'), who proclaimed to this inquiring record on 3 February, '97 (two weeks after the meeting that established that there was a security problem in the building and then tabled the issue - stonewalled Mr. Robertson), that she was 'not allowed to discuss security matters' with this inquiring citizen.

Bldg. Mgr. Botsford refused to give this inquiring citizen her name, then sheepishly did so, saying she was 'only kidding'; promised to discuss the unresolved security problem with federal counselor C.L. Burgor; then broke that promise, saying to Mr. K.B. Robertson - 'the record' - when it came time to reassure Ms. Burgor that she would no longer be endangered with the rest of the building-accessing public between noon and one PM: 'If you want to talk about security in this building, \*put it in writing'.

(\*A person always has to be careful what they ask for, continued).

A year and a half later, Ms. Andy Botsford wrote Parks and Recs Director Barry Samuel, that 'security in the Vets Memorial Building is more than adequate', and that the staff is trained in 'verbal judo': in the 1/22/ '97 dated wake of agreeing, along with eleven out of twelve other Board members, that 'there is a security problem in the V.M.B.', then methodologically cutting Mr. Robertson off from all inquiries and communications, following the tabling of the unresolved public endangerment.

Ms. Botsford is on audio tape singing out loud, several bars of the BEATLES lyric: 'Mother Superior jumped the gun!' - then winked at federal counselor C.L. Burgor - while ascending to the second floor on the Vets Memorial Building's elevator, with federal counselor Burgor and this record, 2/3/ '97: two weeks after the Trustee Board meeting membership, including Botsford, tabled the (very reluctantly acknowledged, at first abundantly denied public endangerment) security issue of 1/22/ '97. Stonewalling Mr. K.B. Robertson, and grossly lying to their superiors, thenceforth, as proven in the ongoing documentary, extracted from - among other sources - county government letterheads.

Ms. Botsford's 8 September, '98 \*dated communication to (\*letter from) Parks & Recs Director, Barry Samuel (\*to Supervisor Mardi Wormhoudt), does not explain how the 'verbal judo' practicing staff - or an inanimate 'video tape camera that scans the hallways' (so that a violent crime may be belatedly witnessed: *after the fact*) - is going to protect the public from any kind of danger in the (any given) here and now, or, how a 'panic button' that they are *thinking* about installing, that would 'sound an alarm in the manager's office': *when the staff, under Botsford's and Wannarka's management, literally makes an OUT TO LUNCH policy of not being in a publicly accessed building, between noon and one PM. Post Script: Ms. - 'Wonderful job doing' - 'more than adequately security covering' Botsford, was recently promoted by local government elements, to staff the Civic Center on Church Street.*

**20 March 2001, Grand Jury Committee meeting with Mr. K.B. Robertson, continued:**

Mr. Little also repeated the threadbare, empty defense of 'autonomy', regarding the county Vet Service Office or the Trustee Board making no arrangements for federal counselor Burgor's parking accommodations - a

security issue having nothing to do with whether Ms. Burgor does or does not complain about it ('Maybe she likes to run back and forth and feed the meter'. - Barry Samuel, on audio tape, April, '97).

The county employees persuaded Ms. Burgor to make decisions in their favor, advocating their public endangerment in the Vets Memorial Building. Ms. Burgor was burdened by the Vets Memorial Building Board Of Trustees - functionally put in charge of building security - to join them in advocating public endangerment and the endangerment of herself. Denying it all, after an 11-1 vote had acknowledged it. The County Vets Memorial Building Trustee Board recruited a 13th chair out of federal ranks. All 'in the dark', behind this record's back, under the bizarre auspices of blaming their endangerment on Mr. Robertson and persuading Burgor and her boss, Dr. Katherine Yoon, to medically hold and lock down Mr. Robertson, on the 'aversion of danger' clause activated premise that K.B. Robertson was guilty of what the county government officials herein cited, are guilty of.

**The documentary fact of the agreement by 11 of 12 Vets Memorial Bldg. Trustee Board members, at a formal meeting - 1/22/ '97: that 'there is in fact a security problem in the Vets Memorial Building', and the atrocious history of this problem, was completely forgotten, put aside, and/or otherwise waffled, omitted and/or stonewalled, as though it wasn't the history that it ineradicably is.**

There was also, very notably, a general agreement in this four chaired Grand Jury committee that the 19 August, 2000 dated (eight page documentary) list of grievances (CC00-005) contained 'too many complaints'; that the complainant 'couldn't realistically expect action to be taken against Mr. Danner' (for example), about anything. Let alone, everything he is clearly proven to be held to account - if not indictable - for.

The record was informed by the committee that this expectation 'isn't politically realistic'... In those words. There it is: the surrender. The green light on the usurpation - as bully boy policy - of the foundations of democracy in an exemplary, relatively small California city; Santa Cruz. The Final Nod.

'You have inundated the Grand Jury with information'. A member of the committee dared say this, out loud, to this complainant (Playing hard ball politics in a pediatric ward. SAVE THE CHILDREN. Deny every imposition on them and their mothers - every element of the public that uses Vets Memorial Building facilities. Steal hundreds of thousands of dollars of tax payer's money from them. Let Mr. Danner take the 'philosophically opinionated, non advantageous' responsibility - "There are no secrets here" - Danner, verbatim. SENTINEL, 7/2000 , and, "Be assured that the Grand Jury is sworn to (and swarmed by) secrecy" - Paraphrased, the gagged, Grand Jury.

We have a complaint about the complainant here, he has documented too many far too solemn and soberingly grievous - wide, deep and long running Judicial, Journalistic and rogue CIA murders, grand larcenies, dereliction's of duty, public endangerment's, betrayals of oaths of office, codes of silence, and massive, locally active cocaine traffickers.

The Grand Jury puts up the white flag when it is overwhelmed - 'inundated' - with such complaints. (the crime rate would plunge to zero, if the public would quit whining?) The complainant and not the quality of the complaints, becomes the perceived problem.

(Refer, the American cultural imposition of BLAMING THE VICTIM; particularly in matters of physical assault and of rape, for example. The fastest growing violent crimes in the nation. Be it the assault and/or rape of an individual, community, nation, or constitutionally sacked former democracy. Defending and upholding the law has become functionally 'unrealistic': in your face...).

The Grand Jury is that easily overwhelmed, manipulated, deceived, lied to and about, diverted and double talked. Apparently, they like to run back and forth and feed Mr. Danner's ever expiring - '2CRW' tattooed, red Mercedes branded - parking meters.

The Grand Jury is, by definition, the highest authority in the county, taking second place to Art Danner's criminally notorious, tyrannical domination of the county government chain of command. If the Grand Jury is obliged to indict Mr. Danner and/or the Res. 114-95 creating Board Of Supervisors, for example, it is time for the Grand Jury to go into internal gridlock behind closed doors about whether or not to take any 'realistically political' (legally and morally obligatory) action against Mr. Danner and/or the Board Of Supervisors.

Then, it is time for the ('96 - '97) Grand Jury to make a series of voluntary resignations and go extinct for the last four months of its twelve month scheduled - state law required - tenure.. Just say 'no problem', or, 'What problem?' Why not extinctify the police and the law? Let the endangered public secure itself? Accompanied by a gag order, preventing this atrocity from being revealed to the endangered, betrayed public...

*(Mr. Danner's unbeatable system: where crime pays high, undeterred dividends. In the wake of his success with stealing \$30,000.00, and getting caught counterfeiting time cards to cover it up, And thereafter extinctifying the Grand Jury of '96 - '97: Mr. Danner, thus supported and encouraged; never having learned his limitations, since being accessory to the fact in first degree murder under heinously sinister circumstances, has since, with notably familiar impunity, stolen \$808,000,00 - June to July, 2000, Santa Cruz Sentinel: reported by District Attorney Ron Ruiz and confirmed by the County Auditor and the five chaired Board Of Supervisors.)*

Mr. Danner has learned - without restraint - and has been meticulously taught, that, if it works, why fix it? The 'squirreled away' (stolen, secreted) \$808,000,00 is 'a philosophical difference of opinion'. 'To what advantage?' Mr. Danner has cleverly riddled, while on the - 7/2000 METRO published \*DeCinzo cartoon reflected, griddle <\*'a known sleaze bag'>)

**The one issue that the above named four person Grand Jury committee agreed on with this record, is that the county government element contains many individuals who have been coordinated for years, and in many cases for decades, to deceive, manipulate, lie to, stonewall - and, if necessary: extinctify - the annually rotated Grand Jury members; who are at a tremendous handicap for being on unknown, unfamiliar, politically corrupt and unexpectedly contaminated ground.**

**Just about the time that each annually rotated - nineteen member chaired - Grand Jury starts realizing what their duties are and how to do them, and the fact that they are routinely and criminally snookered by the cited, exemplary county government elements: then it is time for that semi-seasoned Grand Jury to retire, and an unseasoned Grand Jury membership to take its place.**

**All the while, each deceived, lied to and betrayed Grand Jury is prevented - 'under strict oaths of guaranteed confidentiality' - from revealing their experiences to anyone outside the Grand Jury.**

A very well regulated, guaranteed undeterred Fascist militia is thereby protected, encouraged and perpetuated. Guaranteed non accountability. Refer: THE JUDICIAL, JOURNALISTIC & CIA INSPIRED 'Code Of Silence' In Santa Cruz County '. Very like the evidence in the assassination of JFK, being withheld from the public, in the name of 'national security', and/or the forensic evidence in the '86 - '88 Bandler-Marino murder case, being burned in July of '90 - 'To what advantage?' Nearly 100 legally innocent people - including 32 children, tortured on

network TV for 51 days and finally burned to death in Waco, Texas: 'committed suicide' ('JFK shot himself' "Karen Silkwood had a fatal car accident.").

Welcome to Santa Cruz County - Lucky Star thanking, 'Nuclear Free Zoned' - government: an exemplary leadership cartel that knows how to follow a nationally trendy political lead... Giving U the GOVERNMENT vs THE PEOPLE business is business, since JFK shot himself, 22 November, 1963, in Dealy Plaza, Dallas Texas.

It seems that the executive 'guardians of justice, law and order' in Santa Cruz County, enormously profit from producing and directing re-runs of variations on the same criminally dominant themes; casting 19 different actors on the Grand Jury, annually. With legally imposed gag orders on each member, and each collective Grand Jury, annually. And those are mighty Hollywood Entertainment industry proven, damned good, unbeatably systematic odds (Stonewall Jackson, laughing his rebel caboose off, in Grant's tomb).

If the ongoing Santa Cruz County government cartel has enjoyed the films they've been scripting, directing, casting and producing together over the passing years and decades: those same conspiratorially bonded, unbeatably collaborating elements are going to be collusively nuts, about the book they've collectively co-authored... ('There's got to be a - pathetically overdue, ignored, stonewalled, endemically denied - morning after').

The below was sent, with additional formal complaint(s) to the Grand Jury, 3 / 26 / 2001.

Excerpt from 700 + page deposition made to the Veterans Administration Board Of Appeals in Oakland, 7/26/97 and the Santa Cruz County Grand Jury, 7/27/ 97. This excerpt is now deposited with the Grand Jury of 2000 - 2001, dated 26 March, 2001. Complainant K.B. Robertson does not know if the statute of limitations is expired on this as yet, or not. Apparently it has never been made an issue of contention. If it has, it's been ignored or obliterated. If this be the case, jury tampering - via the omission of germane complaints - is a possibility. In any case, the fact that it has not become a Grand Jury or public issue draws suspicion on itself.

**Having Exhausted All Allegedly Open Avenues Of Recourse, continued:**

The functionally invaded and simultaneously abandoned record, being required since, by the falsely proclaimed 'governmental autonomy' of the Vets Memorial Bldg. Board Of Trustees (1/22 / '97), to typographically circumscribe the administrative chain of command. Via compoundly interacting municipal, county, state and federal employees; culminating in this resulting citizen's complaint to the newly installed (formerly extinctified, in absentia, state law forsaken) county Grand Jury:

Mr. Arthur Danner III, having also compoundly deprived Mr. Robertson of that (safety net) recourse, regarding all of this (via the \*Grand Jury), in \*its only recently corrected, illegal, state law defying, early 1997 vintaged absence.

That is to say, the record would have submitted a formal complaint to the Grand Jury, earlier, but there was no sitting Grand Jury in Santa Cruz county to submit to - for four months, between mid-'96 and mid-'97. Allow 'the record' to 'explain' that.

**"For the first time in county history, Santa Cruz county does not have a Grand Jury, which began having serious internal troubles a year ago, and is now altogether disbanded. Other state counties have had their internal difficulties and bumps in the road, but Santa Cruz is the first county in California, wherein, all of the wheels seem to have fallen off. The serious trouble culminating in the present and unprecedented**



disbandment, began about a year ago," (Paraphrased) - Santa Cruz SENTINEL, May Wong, 6 April, '97  
(You picked a fine, excellent time to leave me, loose wheels?)

*Note, that the subjected Grand Jury had been extinct for months, before the SENTINEL did an article on it, three months before its reconstruction and installation... **Note, that no mention is made of Art Danner** (who *isn't supposed* to have anything, to do with it...); who, with the county Board Of Supervisors is the most apparent cause of the Grand Jury membership's unprecedented gridlock and ensuing series of resignations. Neither again, in terms of responsibility, is \*state senator McPherson subjected.*

\*State law requires a sitting Grand Jury installation (19 chairs, including 5 alternates) in every county in California, but leaves no instruction or restrictions on how the Grand Jury is selected, or, by whom. The newly reinstated Grand Jury was installed on 26 June, '98; drawn in Judge Yont's (local) courtroom. It was activated on 3 July, '98.

Reliable sources reveal that the dysfunctionalised Grand Jury and/or the Board Of Supervisors received many formal complaints from the local citizenry about Mr. Art Danner's theft of \$30,000.00; in connection with his firing of former Asst. D.A., Catherine Gardner, 3/'94.

The Grand Jury, having confidentiality requirements as to what transposed behind closed doors - apparently gone into what proved to be fatally suicidal political gridlock, trying to determine whether or not any penalty should be imposed against Mr. Danner. For his misappropriation of county tax money and correspondingly deliberate alteration of time cards to cover up the (since extra judicially euphemised/ Board Of Supervisors 'ratified', \$30,000.00) theft (Res. 114 - '95), and, for the attempted cover-up of all of the above, by Mr. Danner and the county Board Of Supervisors. All of this formerly covered up information emerging at a Civil Service hearing, in former (fired) Asst. D.A., Catherine Gardner's suit against Mr. Danner... (The suit was dropped, when Mr. Danner capitulated, out of court, as usual, whenever he rips off more than he can conceal...)

The preceding, 12/6/'94 Board Of Supervisors 'ratification' of the \$30,000.00 'misappropriation' - voting 4-1, not to take action against Mr. Danner (Mardi Wormhoudt being the only dissenting supervisorial vote. Refer: San Jose Mercury News, 10/17/ '94 & Santa Cruz SENTINEL, 12/7-8/ '94). Former supervisor Fred Keely was putting Mr. Danner's feet to the fire on this issue, whereupon his efforts were interrupted when he took an extemporaneously appointed seat in the state assembly. Keely was replaced by Wormhoudt, who abstained from the ensuing (extra-judicial) ratification ( Res. 114-'95. Illegally proclaiming Mr. Danner's \$30,000 dollar theft with a failed, attempted coverup in the emergence of counterfeited time cards, to be 'legal'. The 'ratifying' Board Of Supervisors thereby making themselves accessories to the fact of Mr. Danner's theft and his failed effort to cover it up...)

Making four out of five supervisors, accessories to Mr. Danner's apparent grand larceny qualified, time card counterfeiting fact. No charges resulted, but rather, the Grand Jury of 6/ '96 through 6 / '97 was instead gridlocked into extinctification by its advisory elements - the county DA's office and the county Board Of Supervisors.

**Ergo: Mr. Danner's ersatz authority is found more important than justice or the Grand Jury.**

State law requires a sitting Grand Jury in place at all times. There was no published or any other response known to this record from any state authority(ies) - neither the Attorney General nor 15th District State Senator McPherson. No pursuit of the illegally suspended issue ensued, then, or since...

*The record was advised by the \*committee of 3/20/2001, that it is not*

*negatively influenced by county authorities, and that it draws its advise from state authorities. This undoubtedly well intended statement does not corroborate with the proven extinctification of the county Grand Jury of '96 - '97. Nullification of said jury being effected by county authorities as described; without being gainsaid by state authorities - the Atty. General and/or state senator \*McPherson of this district (\*directly affiliated with the local SENTINEL newspaper).*

The record very sincerely and respectfully thanks all 19 chairs of the Grand Jury for its attention to this case, which the record asks that this appendage be permanently included in the Grand Jury files.

Attention please: \*Ms. Loomis, Ms. Wong. Ms. Cordova and Mr. Little:  
*In my submittal of documentary information on paper, 3/20/2000 Tuesday, were included two documents I have not since been able to locate other copies of. These two documents I wish to remain on permanent file with this case (CC00-005). On the other hand, will you please make copies of same and send them to me. The ones in your possession seem to be the only copies I had.*

*The subjected documents are the letter from Attorney Derek B. Albertson to Commander Richard Anderson, and the letter from the Navy/Defense Dept. dated September, '85, proclaiming that do not affirm that my unit and myself was in the Bay Of Pigs, Cuba, May of '61, then going on to say that I do rate the National Defense Medal, but not the Expeditionary Medal (which, a month later, October, '85, they confirm I did earn, via L.E. Panetta). Thirdly, will you please forward a copy of the letter from congressman Farr, proclaiming that he has been informed that 'a local court has issued a federal firearms prohibition certificate against you'. The fact being, that this letter documents the fact that federal official, congressman Farr, was enormously 'misinformed' (boldly lied to) about what is in fact, by documentation in and of the Santa Cruz Police Department, to be a 'no charges, no arrest' case ( '97SC - 93336).*

*It is criminal to deliberately submit a false report to a federal official. Danner did it twice on the same 'felony firearms assault' lie - once to Dr. Katherine Yoon (6/26/ '97 - a matter of federal record), and once to congressman Sam Farr, shortly thereafter appearing in a statement on Sam Farr's letterhead ('a local court has issued a firearms prohibition certificate against you'. Farr's information on what is in fact a 'no charges, no arrest' case).*

Post Script: With regard to my submitted complaint about public endangerment by The Vets Memorial Bldg. Board Of Trustees, and negligent entrustment by the Board of Supervisors (refer, State Senate Bill 544, as submitted in documentary deposition to the Grand Jury); which was ignored for 18 months before being impotently redented:  
Three weeks \*after the Board Of Trustees Meeting of 1/22/ '97 ('There is no security problem in this building. If you want security here you can pray for it.' - James Wainscoat, board member, at that meeting, to this complainant): the record telephoned and then briefly met with and talked to Bldg. Manager - Trustee Board member - Andy Botsford in the Vets Hall vestibule; asked her if counselor Burgor was still being left alone in the publicly accessed building between noon and 1:PM, and if any action had been taken to improve *the very reluctantly acknowledged - then tabled -* security problem (issue) in the Vets Memorial Bldg.

Botsford responded. "I don't know if I'm gonna leave Ms. Burgor alone in this building from noon to 1:PM or not." Adding that she was not allowed to discuss that with this complainant. The record asked her if she knew what the fastest growing violent crime is in the United States. Botsford responded: 'I haven't been reading any criminology books, lately.'

The record stoically reminded the cynically responding Bldg. Mgr. that it is part of her responsibility and that of the entire Trustee Board to know that

the fastest growing violent crime in the U.S. is the physical abuse - including rape - of women by men. The record asked Botsford for her name and/or her card. She replied:

"I don't think Im gonna tell you my name."

When the record reminded Botsford that he would learn her name and hold her accountable for her flippancy about solemn issues of public endangerment, Botsford then proclaimed,  
"I was only kidding", and gave the inquiring record her card.

The record submits that Botsford's response to the record is a representative extension of the entire 18 month incommunicado Trustee Board. Parks & Recreation Director Barry Samuel offered:  
'Maybe Ms. Burgor likes to run back and forth and feed the parking meter'.  
(Maybe she likes to gamble with being mugged, abducted or worse.)

This is not an issue of personal 'autonomy', as evasively and repeatedly claimed by all responsible parties. It is a matter of public endangerment.

On behalf of the public of Santa Cruz County, the record petitions a tenable assurance from assigned authorities of public security in the V.M.B. Such responsible assurance has yet to be submitted. Only more evasive, threadbare - already proven false - denials.

I am very sincerely, respectfully and gratefully yours, K.B. Robertson  
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Friends of an internationally famous psychologist said they were "stunned" to learn that he had been charged with murdering a woman in an apparent dispute over drugs. Richard Bandler, 36, a co-developer of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), a method of obtaining rapid behavior changes by influencing thinking patterns on a subconscious level, has been in Santa Cruz County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond since his Nov. 3 arrest on murder charges in the shooting death of Corine Christensen, 31, of Capitola. Sheriff's detectives said cocaine was the apparent link between Bandler and Christensen. Friends, however, said such an act would be uncharacteristic of Bandler, despite his reputation for moodiness and unpredictability. "It is totally out of character," Palo Alto psychiatrist Dr. Robert Spitzer said. "I would be very surprised if he would do something so stupid and impulsive and weird."

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# Titillating Trial Involves Lots of Dirt--and Mr. Clean : Guru Focus of Lurid Murder Case

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SANTA CRUZ — A self-avowed master of mind control and author of 13 popular books on "neurolinguistic programming" is on trial here for allegedly shooting a prostitute.

Richard Bandler, 37, faces charges of murder in Santa Cruz County Municipal Court for allegedly shooting Corine Christensen, 31, in the head Nov. 3, 1986.

"It's got lots of drugs, lots of bizarre sex and lots of violence," said Assistant Dist. Atty. Gary Fry about the trial, which has captured the imagination of this seaside tourist city.

## 'Classic' Murder Case

"And besides sensational side references to the CIA and the military's special armed forces, we've got the West Coast guru of pop psychology. It's the classic Santa Cruz case."

Bandler, who attended UC Santa Cruz, is famous for the seminars he taught with Santa Cruz linguistics Professor John Grinder on quickie approaches to behavior modification.

Bandler offered 10-minute phobia cures and fast, easy methods for controlling others. At his peak in the late 1970s, therapists, doctors, lawyers and sales people frequently attended his lectures.

Court documents say that in recent years Bandler's partnership with Grinder disintegrated, he began to have trouble attracting clients and he began to use cocaine.

## Role as a Witness

Christensen, the daughter of a San Francisco policeman, and her boyfriend, ex-felon James Marino, were his suppliers, according to court documents. Marino was Bandler's best friend and now is the prosecution's star witness.

Marino says he was nursing a headache on Christensen's couch while Bandler waved a gun and badgered her about money and her rumored lesbian affair with his girlfriend.

Marino, 55, says he shut his eyes just before Bandler pointed the gun at Christensen's head and shot her.

Bandler's San Francisco attorney, Gerald Swartzbach, calls Marino a liar who believed Christensen was enjoying sadomasochistic sex with his friends and was trying to have him killed.

The attorney says Marino had his own reasons for killing her.

## His Hands Were Clean

Marino said that on the morning of the slaying, he and Bandler visited Christensen at her townhouse in Live Oak, an unincorporated area just south of Santa Cruz.

After arguing with her, Bandler allegedly sawed off the top of a Mr. Clean bottle to use as a silencer on his .357 Magnum. Spilling liquid soap on himself and the gun, Bandler shot Christensen at the dining room

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table, where they had been drinking, Marino said.

After the two men left, Bandler, covered with blood, told Marino to throw the gun off the Capitola pier, he said.

Divers retrieved the gun, and Bandler's clothes, covered with blood and lemon-smelling soap, were found.

As Swartzbach begins his defense this week, he promises to put Bandler on the stand.

Since the trial began two months ago, the courtroom of Judge Christopher Cottle has been jammed. Playboy magazine sent a team of reporters, and Santa Cruz residents deluge writers with stories about Bandler and his associates.

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# Bizarre Case Shows Flaky Underside of Santa Cruz


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SANTA CRUZ — The accused in the murder trial is a pop psychologist whose unorthodox methods intrigued the CIA. The victim was a hooker who specialized in kinky sex. The prosecution's key witness is a former cocaine dealer.

The trial, which goes to the jury today, has packed spectators into the courtroom every day.

This city "has its flaky side," conceded Assistant Dist. Atty. Gary Fry, who is prosecuting the case, and the murder trial has revealed that side to the fullest.

Santa Cruz is an idyllic strip of coastline cut off from the rest of the world by the ocean on the west, and the mountains, thick with stands of redwoods, on the east. It is in a time warp, a hippie museum where men with shoulder-length hair and thousand-yard stares still wander the downtown streets. It is a tolerant city where holistic medical centers and alternative therapies abound. It is an iconoclastic city, where two recent mayors described themselves as "socialist-feminist." Both were men.

So when the bizarre case of the hooker, the coke dealer and the psychologist was first reported, many were not surprised that the setting was Santa Cruz. "It's the stereotypical Santa Cruz case," Fry said.

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"The crime itself isn't real strange or gory," he added in an interview. "If there's such a thing as a clean shot to the face, this is it.

"The case has attracted attention because it's got weird sex, lots and lots of drugs, and a victim who was an extremely attractive woman. And there are different versions of how she got killed. It's basically a whodunit."

Like the Japanese novel "Rashomon," the trial testimony about the Santa Cruz murder has differed with each narrator.

The prosecution claims that Richard Bandler, the psychologist, killed Corine Christensen. Bandler claims that James Marino, an admitted former cocaine dealer, killed her.

The trial has been a melange of conflicting testimony, varying interpretations of physical evidence and implausible scenarios. Marino claimed that Bandler was angry at Christensen because she was having a lesbian affair with Bandler's live-in girlfriend, and because she owed him money. Bandler claimed that Marino was convinced that Christensen arranged to have him beaten and was trying to have him killed.

After a preliminary hearing last fall, Municipal Judge Tom Kelly reflected on the confusion. "My mind went back and forth all week (about who killed Christensen)," he said. "The only thing I know for sure, beyond a reasonable doubt, is we had a murderer in this courtroom. Beyond a reasonable doubt I cannot tell you who that person was."

At first glance, it seems more plausible that Richard Bandler would be in court as an expert witness than as a defendant.

Bandler, 37, gained a national reputation in the early 1970s when he and former UC Santa Cruz linguistics professor John Grinder co-founded a discipline called neuro-linguistic programming. NLP, an

amalgam of linguistics and hypnosis, studied how people influence each other in subconscious ways. Bandler and Grinder claimed that therapists could use NLP techniques--scanning a patient's eye movements, speech pattern, body language, changes in skin tone or breathing--for a quick fix on the patient's problem. Then hypnotic techniques could be used to reprogram behavior.

The human potential movement was burgeoning at the time, and new ideas were being pioneered just south of Santa Cruz at the Esalen Institute at Big Sur. Grinder and Bandler studied many of the innovative therapists who visited Esalen and applied some of their theories to NLP. They began giving seminars throughout the country, and Bandler eventually wrote 13 books on the subject.

He claimed that NLP had a wide variety of applications. Therapists could cure people's phobias in 10 minutes. Salesmen could better understand buyers. Executives could enhance communication with their employees.

Not Certified Therapists

Neither Bandler, who has a master's degree in psychology from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco, nor Grinder, a linguist, were certified therapists. They called themselves "modelers of human behavior."

Bandler is described by many as a man with a dazzling intellect whose insight and charisma made him almost a cult figure at seminars.

"I could imagine him getting a Nobel Prize; it would be a shame if he got one in prison," said Dr. Robert Spitzer, a Palo Alto psychiatrist who is a longtime friend of Bandler.

But the controversial discipline polarized mental health professionals. Some embraced NLP as a great innovation. Many others considered it a fraud.

Dr. William Carroll, a staff psychiatrist at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, is one of the dissenters. He said he finds much of Bandler's work "snake oil, sold like any other kind of snake oil." Many of Bandler's books, Carroll said, "are basically restatements of what other people have done. His greatest gift is as a mimic. He's repackaged other's ideas."

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# Psychotherapist Not Guilty in Prostitute's Murder, Jury Finds

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SANTA CRUZ — The co-founder of a psychotherapeutic discipline called neuro-linguistic programming was found innocent on Thursday of shooting a prostitute to death.

The case of psychotherapist Richard Bandler, charged in the death of Corine Christensen, was given to the jury late Wednesday, following a trial that packed courtrooms daily. The jury rendered its verdict after only 5 1/2 hours of deliberation.

The prosecution claimed that Bandler killed Christensen, but he testified that James Marino, an admitted former cocaine dealer and the prosecution's main witness, shot her to death with Bandler's .357-caliber Magnum while both were at the woman's home in November, 1986.

Bandler and Marino presented conflicting testimony at the trial. Marino claimed that Bandler was angry at Christensen because she was having a lesbian affair with Bandler's live-in girlfriend, and because she owed him money. Bandler claimed that Marino was convinced that Christensen arranged to have him beaten and was trying to have him killed.

Bandler was not in the courtroom when the verdict was read. His attorney, Gerry Schwartzbach, told reporters afterward: "The evidence was that he (Bandler) did not commit the crime. The quickness of the verdict spoke to the quality of the prosecution's case."

Assistant Dist. Atty. Gary Fry, who prosecuted the case, described himself as "surprised and disappointed." He said Marino would not be charged in the murder.

One juror who spoke on condition of anonymity said the jury determined there was reasonable doubt of Bandler's guilt. Other jurors declined comment on the verdict.

The key prosecution witness was Marino, who once served 18 months in San Quentin for burglary. After the preliminary hearing in the Bandler case, Marino disappeared for several months and failed to show up at the start of the trial on Nov. 2. He appeared after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

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Although somewhat controversial in psychological circles, NLP gained national popularity. There are hundreds of NLP "trainers" now giving seminars throughout the country. Bandler's work also attracted the attention of the U.S. Army and the CIA.

In 1980, Bandler and Grinder broke up their partnership, each to pursue his own vision of NLP.

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Bandler testified that in the late 1970s he became a cocaine user. It was through cocaine that he met Marino, who dealt in the drug, and Christensen, who was Marino's former girlfriend.

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