

Murderer Sentenced To Prison

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Arvie Carroll, 18-year-old inmate of the Paso Robles School for Boys, was sentenced to prison Monday afternoon for the March 31 "stomping" death of his teacher, Marie Romero, 51.

San Luis Obispo Superior Court Judge Wickson Woolpert recommended that a maximum term not be set for Carroll until after a psychiatric evaluation.

Woolpert, who sentenced Carroll in Santa Barbara, said the defendant could be held for life.

Carroll was sentenced in Santa Barbara because his trial had been moved there on a change of venue before he pleaded guilty Dec. 23 to second-degree murder.

He remained in the Santa Barbara County Jail pending transfer to Chino diagnostic center and assignment to an institution.

Meanwhile, in another murder case in San Luis Obispo Superior Court, Judge Richard Kirkpatrick entered an innocent plea for Patrick Ronald Lee in the second of two grand jury indictments which accuses him of the Dec. 30 death of his stepmother, Thelma, 67.

Lee, who previously pleaded innocent on the first indictment accusing him of the July 25 beating of Mrs. Lee and the Aug. 5 fatal shooting of Albert Kodak, 21, of rural Arroyo Grande, near Lopez Lake, reserved the right to plead innocent by reason of insanity on the second indictment.