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Potential jurors in the Jesse James Hollywood capital murder trial packed every available seat in a Santa Barbara courtroom Monday morning as the jury selection process began.

Mr. Hollywood, 29, faces charges of first-degree murder and kidnapping, with special circumstances that could also bring the death sentence.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Brian Hill told jurors he expected the length of the trial to fall well short of eight weeks and instructed them to fill out questionnaires regarding their views on the death penalty and exposure to media coverage of the case.

Jurors who make the first cut will return to the courtroom May 6 or over the the next couple of days after that. As full as the courtroom was in the morning, a second set of potential jurors was scheduled to come in during the afternoon as well.

Opening statements from prosecutors and Mr. Hollywood's legal counsel are scheduled to begin May 8.

Mr. Hollywood is accused of masterminding the kidnapping of 15-year-old Nicholas Markowitz from the streets of the San Fernando Valley and then his fatal shooting in the hills above Santa Barbara.