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## Transsexual weds murderer

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VACAVILLE (UPD) — Wearing an ivory lace wedding gown, Katharine Bies, 50, a transsexual, married Robert Lonnie Barnes, 29, a convict serving a murder term, at Vacaville prison yesterday.

Inmate friends of Barnes attended the wedding, conducted in the prison chapel by chaplain Archie Allen, after the warden got confirmation the bride was definitely a woman.

The inmates accompanied Barnes to the altar.

The bride, a San Francisco cocktail waitress who formerly was a gay stripper, female impersonator and hair stylist, was half an hour late for the wedding and said excitedly on arrival:

"Would you believe the florist forgot the bouquet? And my hair is a mess."

Born Kenneth Bies in Des Moines, Iowa, the new Mrs. Barnes has also used the names Kenneth Marlowe and Kate Marlowe. She underwent sex-change surgery at Stanford University Medical Center in 1973.

She said her convict mate insisted on the wedding yesterday, although he has a parole hearing scheduled for October.

"He's afraid I might run away," she said.

The bride was given away by Richard Nelson, her former em-

ployer at a hairstyling salon in San Francisco.

Inmates carried food to the reception. It featured a large cake made by the transsexual's Chinese friends in San Francisco and was inscribed in Chinese with the names of the bride and groom.

The wedding went ahead after prison superintendent T. L. Canon checked with the state Department of Corrections and Stanford, which assured him Bies had become a she.

The bride said she formerly lectured in prisons about human sexuality and met her new spouse two years ago.

She said she will move to Vacaville to be near her husband.