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On September 19, 1968, Detective Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), SUS Unit, made available transcribed interviews with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, which were conducted on June 5, 1968. These interviews reflect SIRHAN was interviewed (tape number 28925) commencing at 12:45 A.M. June 5, 1968, at the Rampart Division of the LAPD. The interviews were subsequently continued in the Central Jail at the LAPD commencing at 3:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968, and continuing to completion there.

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SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
June 5, 1968
Tape #28916

TRANSCRIPT #51
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1 TAPE #28916

2 TAPED CONVERSATIONS RELATING
3 TO SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

4 TAPED IN ROOM 318, PARKER CENTER

5 JUNE 5, 1968, 2:05 A.M. - 2:20 A.M.

6 PRESENT: MR. JOHN HOWARD, L.A. CO. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

7 MR. GEORGE MURPHY, " "

8 LT. W. C. JORDAN, RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION, LAPD

9 SGT. A. B. MELENDRES, " "

10 TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

11 ASSISTED BY: MR. GEORGE MURPHY

12 ** INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE

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14 HOWARD: You understand you have the right to remain
15 silent?

16 SIRHAN: Yes, sir.

17 HOWARD: You have the right to an attorney if you wish,
18 if you cannot afford an attorney, you understand that the
19 court will appoint an attorney for you? You have no right to
20 make a statement. You understand that? Now understanding
21 these rights, now bear with me for a minute, do you think that
22 you want to make a statement now? Do you understand your
23 rights first of all?

24 SIRHAN: Yes, I think that I shall remain incognito.

25 HOWARD: You do not wish to make a statement. Is that
26 correct? I have to have that, it--it sounds funny to you,

27 SIRHAN: I said it, sir.

28 HOWARD: Okay, can we--can we get this far? Would you
29 tell me your name? Can we go that far? If you don't wish to,
30 that's your business.

31 SIRHAN: That's it, sir. I said I wish to remain

1 incognito.

2 HOWARD: Okay, fine. Okay, let's go. Thank you very
3 much. My name is Howard, if you change your mind. Can I
4 write you my name and if you want to talk to me, have you got
5 a pencil, I'll tell you my name and let me write the sergeant's
6 name. I'll tell you you can reach me twenty-four hours a day.

7 SIRHAN: **

8 MELENDRES: Right. Sit down, young man, look, this is
9 Mr. Howard from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's
10 Office, and that's Mr. Murphy from the District Attorney's
11 Office. I'm Sgt. Melendres from Rampart Detectives, LAPD, and
12 this is Sgt. Jordan. We're in Room 318 of the Los Angeles
13 Police Building known as the Parker Center. We just want to
14 get your name, if possible. Do you want to give us your name?
15 This is only--

16 SIRHAN: Will it be all right if I sit down?

17 HOWARD: All right, all right. Now, I've written this
18 down so you can read it. At the top I have written my name.
19 My name is John Howard, D.A.'s Office; if you want to talk to
20 someone, George Murphy, D.A.'s Office, Detective Jordan, LAPD,
21 or Detective Melendres, LAPD. You work out of--

22 MELENDRES: Rampart.

23 JORDAN: We're both Rampart.

24 HOWARD: Both Rampart. Now what that means, Rampart is
25 a division of the LAPD. Do you understand that?

26 SIRHAN: I understand.

1 HOWARD: Okay. Now, what we would like to do today or
2 tonight is at least get your name for booking purposes. Now,
3 that's--that's your decision. Is that possible, first of all,
4 can we go that far?

5 SIRHAN: Sir, I already said it. I gave you my answer.

6 HOWARD: You don't want to make any statement at all?
7 All right, will you take this with you? Let me write you my
8 phone number.

9 SIRHAN: Thank you.

10 HOWARD: Murph's number will be the same. That's Murph.
11 Now, I--

12 SIRHAN: How can I reach you?

13 MELENDRES: Extension 388-3161.

14 HOWARD: 388--

15 MELENDRES: --3161. Both of us. That's a straight line.

16 HOWARD: 388-3161. You can ask for Jordan or Melendres.
17 Okay? You got that? Now, do you have anything you want to
18 ask us?

19 SIRHAN: When will I have a chance to clean up?

20 MURPHY: As soon as you go through the booking process.

21 HOWARD: Let me explain to you what will happen. Put
22 that in your shirt pocket.

23 SIRHAN: Thank you.

24 HOWARD: They have to book you. You will be booked.
25 That's a legal procedure. Fingerprints, pictures taken, every-
26 thing like that. After that time, I'm sure you will be able

4
1 to clean up. Now is there any other question you want to ask
2 us?

3 SIRHAN: Not at present.

4 HOWARD: Okay, I expect to hear from you. Okay? Am I
5 wrong?

6 (Overlapping voices)

7 MELENDRES: Will you go with these two officers? They
8 will be with him all night. I will call the jail downstairs.

9 HOWARD: Well, who's going to stay with him now? All
10 right, relax.

11 MURPHY: Sit down.

12 HOWARD: Sit down. It will be a minute. They're going
13 to make arrangements for you. There is a security problem.

14 SIRHAN: How long have you been with the D.A.'s Office,
15 Mr. Murphy?

16 MURPHY: Three years. I retired from the Police
17 Department and went over to the D.A.'s Office three years ago.

18 SIRHAN: Remember Kirshke?

19 MURPHY: Very well.

20 SIRHAN: What do you think of his trial, his case?

21 MURPHY: I didn't have any part in the investigation.

22 SIRHAN: How long have you known this man?

23 HOWARD: I've known Jack for a long time. Why? Why did
24 you ask that?

25 SIRHAN: Interested. Being with the D.A.'s Office, I
26 just thought it might be interest for you, too.

1 HOWARD: No, I've known Jack for quite sometime. All
2 right, you know, it was a long trial. Did you watch any of it
3 by any chance?

4 SIRHAN: No, I just listened to it in briefs, you know.

5 HOWARD: But it was a hard case to figure.

6 SIRHAN: Was it?

7 HOWARD: Yeah.

8 SIRHAN: How would you say that and why?

9 HOWARD: Actually because I guess when you know anyone
10 you have a hard time evaluating conduct. Now, what I had--

11 SIRHAN: Explain it, explain it.

12 HOWARD: Well, I knew Jack Kirshke. Did you read about
13 it or--

14 SIRHAN: Well, I just listened to it on television. I
15 never kept up on it.

16 HOWARD: We'll take it up again.

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TRANSCRIPT #55
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TAPE #28925
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
June 5, 1968, 12:45 a.m.

1 **TAPE #28925**

2 **TAPED CONVERSATIONS RELATING**

3 **TO SIRHAN B. SIRHAN**

4 **TAPED IN INTERROGATION ROOM B, RAMPART DIVISION**

5 **JUNE 5, 1968, 12:45 A.M.**

6 **PRESENT: SGT. W. C. JORDAN, RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION**

7 **SGT. E. H. AUSTIN, RAMPART VICE DIVISION**

8 **SGT. J. S. LOCKER, RAMPART VICE DIVISION**

9 **OFFICER F. R. WILLOUGHBY, RAMPART VICE DIVISION**

10 **TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**

11 **ASSISTED BY: SGT. W. C. JORDAN**

12 **** INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE**

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14 **JORDAN: What is your name, sir? No comment? All**
15 **right. I have to advise you that you have a right to**
16 **remain silent; that if you give up the right to remain**
17 **silent, anything you say can be used against you in a**
18 **court of law; you have a right to an attorney and have an**
19 **attorney present during any questioning; and if you desire**
20 **this and cannot afford one, one will be appointed for you**
21 **without charge before any questioning. Do you understand**
22 **your rights?**

23 **SIRHAN: Is this of the--what the officers told me in**
24 **the car?**

25 **JORDAN: I have no idea, sir, at this point what you**
26 **were told.**

27 **SIRHAN: Would you please repeat it?**

28 **JORDAN: Right. You have a right to remain silent.**
29 **If you give up this right to remain silent, anything you**
30 **say--**

31 **SIRHAN: Thank you.**

1 JORDAN: --can and will be used against you in a court
2 of law. You have a right to speak to an attorney and to
3 have one present during any questioning; and if you desire--

4 LOCKER: Did you want--now, I've got a man in the tape
5 room--in the room, and, okay, do you want these guys
6 relieved? At what time?

7 JORDAN: Okay, I'm sorry. A--I think we finished up
8 that--

9 SIRHAN: Start again.

10 JORDAN: Okay, you have a right to remain silent. If
11 you give up this right, anything you say can and will be
12 used against you in a court of law. You have a right to
13 speak with an attorney, and to have one present during any
14 questioning. And if you desire this and cannot afford one,
15 one will be appointed at no cost to you before questioning.
16 Now do you understand what your rights are? You have a
17 right to say nothing. You have a right to see an attorney.
18 You have a right to have an attorney present if you wish
19 during this interrogation. If you can't afford one, one
20 would be provided for you at no extra cost. Do you under-
21 stand this? I mean, these are your rights. Do you have
22 any questions regarding these rights? Now, you're--you're
23 shaking your head. You do understand me?

24 SIRHAN: Your name again, sir?

25 JORDAN: Pardon?

26 SIRHAN: Your name.

1 JORDAN: My name is Sgt. Jordan, J-o-r-d-a-n. I'm
2 night watch commander at Rampart Detectives which is where
3 you are at the present time. Now, is this all your property
4 here? I mean, is there any outside? I don't want it to
5 get lost. You don't know? All right. Now, would you tell
6 me what your name is?

7 SIRHAN: I want to abide by the first admonishment,
8 sir, to the right of keeping silence.

9 JORDAN: Do you wish to remain silent? In other words,
10 now, I'm not violating your right. In other words, you can
11 remain silent, period. By this you not only wish to remain
12 silent as to any part of this case, but you do not wish to
13 identify yourself? Is that correct?

14 SIRHAN: **

15 JORDAN: All right, sir, that is your privilege. This
16 has nothing to do with the case. I want to see that--I
17 want to count this in front of you so that you're satisfied
18 that this is the right amount; is that all right with you?

19 SIRHAN: Are you saying this, sir, under the authority
20 of the first admonishment that you gave me of keeping
21 silence, does keeping silence involved in--

22 JORDAN: Well--

23 SIRHAN: --in this processing?

24 JORDAN: I tell you as far as you telling me whether
25 we agree on the amount, I cannot see how that possibly could
26 be incriminating to you. A--in other words, I'm asking you

1 nothing about even ownership. I'm going to count the money,
2 and I just--if you agree with my count, if you tell me; if
3 you don't agree, say so. Now if you don't wish to do this,
4 it's perfectly all right. You don't wish to do that either?
5 All right, then, I will count it in your presence, however,
6 whether you acknowledge it or not. Let's see, \$100 bills,
7 we have one, two, three, four \$100 bills. We have one \$5
8 bill. We have one, two, three, four \$1 bills. We have \$1,
9 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 2, 4, 6. We have \$1.66 in silver. Four
10 \$100 bills, one \$5 bill, and four \$1 bills. We also have
11 a comb, a key, David Lawrence's column from the Independent
12 Star News, and a clipping here, "You and your friends are
13 cordially invited to come and see and hear Robert Kennedy
14 on Sunday, June 2, 1968, at 8 p.m., at the Cocoanut Grove,
15 the Ambassador." We have two unexpended cartridges which
16 appear to be .22 caliber. And we have one copper-jacketed
17 slug which appears to be expended, no casing involved, also
18 which appears to be .22 caliber. And we have a white piece
19 of paper with writing on it which has to do with, "This
20 man is your man. This man is my man," and apparently refers
21 to Senator Kennedy. I know this has been done, but I--
22 sorry, what happened?

23 SIRHAN: I had--I had mentioned it to Officer 3949.

24 JORDAN: Sorry, what was that?

25 SIRHAN: I don't know his name, sir.

26 JORDAN: Well, no--I mean you mentioned--you mentioned

1 JORDAN: Well, no--I mean you mentioned--you mentioned
2 what?

3 SIRHAN: Mentioned to him my ankle and my knee ** my
4 knee.

5 JORDAN: Okay, I'm very sorry. You understand I was
6 checking you. I know you have been checked, but I'm
7 checking you for weapons only. I'll be as gentle as possible;
8 okay? You're clean. Okay. Sorry, I know you're clean, but
9 I'll be as gentle as possible. If I get in an area that's
10 uncomfortable, you tell me. Okay, you can be seated. What
11 happened to your leg? Where's a--is there a uniformed
12 officer here? Would you guys stay with him?

13 WILLOUGHBY: Yes, sir.

14 AUSTIN: You bet.

15 JORDAN: Keep close watch on him, please?

16 AUSTIN: Uh huh.

17 WILLOUGHBY: Sure, one inside and one out the door?

18 JORDAN: No, I would just as soon both of them--

19 WILLOUGHBY: Okay.

20 JORDAN: --inside there.

21 WILLOUGHBY: Do you want to smoke?

22 AUSTIN: I got lots of smokes.

23 WILLOUGHBY: All rightee.

24 AUSTIN: How long have you been in here? You don't
25 want to say?

26 WILLOUGHBY: Do you speak English?

1 (Long pause)

2 WILLOUGHBY: What's his name, who was in here? Is
3 that Detective--what's his name?

4 AUSTIN: I don't know.

5 WILLOUGHBY: Thank you. Thank you.

6 JORDAN: Here--here's your hot chocolate.

7 WILLOUGHBY: Okay, we'll give you some money.

8 JORDAN: You stay there for a minute. I know it's
9 difficult. Turn around. Okay, sit down. Relax, I'm just
10 looking at you. I'm going to slip your shoe off. Now, if
11 it starts up--

12 SIRHAN:---that's fine.

13 JORDAN: You can slip that back on if you want. Let
14 me have the other one. Okay, I'll let you take your foot
15 out because I know that's your sore leg.

16 SIRHAN: **

17 JORDAN: All right, I'll just--I'll just hold it down,
18 and I'll let you do it.

19 SIRHAN: Please, my way.

20 JORDAN: Right.

21 SIRHAN: Please.

22 JORDAN: No, go ahead. Can you hold there?

23 WILLOUGHBY: Do you want a drink?

24 AUSTIN: No thanks.

25 JORDAN: Okay, now, I won't--I won't move it.

26 SIRHAN: Don't move it now.

1 JORDAN: I won't. Okay, that's fine. Watch your foot.
2 We'll just leave that off for awhile, huh? I think it
3 would be better than trying to slip it back on. Okay, watch
4 him real close.

5 WILLOUGHBY: We'll keep an eye on him.

6 JORDAN: I know you will. I kind a--

7 SIRHAN: These are tight.

8 WILLOUGHBY: What happened to your leg?

9 SIRHAN: I'm thirsty.

10 WILLOUGHBY: Well, we're not going to give you any of
11 this.

12 SIRHAN: It's hot that way.

13 WILLOUGHBY: Yeah, it's hot. I guess they'll give you
14 some in a minute.

15 AUSTIN: That's enough, pal.

16 WILLOUGHBY: Yeah.

17 AUSTIN: Yeah.

18 WILLOUGHBY: I guess we need a rag, don't we?

19 AUSTIN: Uh huh. Kind of made a mess. Keep it cool.
20 Do you want to get a rag then? Go ahead and I'll--just go
21 to the head right outside there.

22 WILLOUGHBY: Right.

23 AUSTIN: You're not going to prove nothing that way.

24 SIRHAN: Later please apologize for me to him, and I
25 trust you.

26 AUSTIN: I will.

1 (Long pause)

2 WILLOUGHBY: Yeah, that chocolate's sticky. They're out
3 of towels.

4 AUSTIN: Are they?

5 WILLOUGHBY: In that one head there they are.

6 AUSTIN: Here, let me stick it on the floor.

7 WILLOUGHBY: Ooh, I'll go see if I can get another one.

8 AUSTIN: That's all right. There's a big spot right
9 here.

10 WILLOUGHBY: It will dry.

11 AUSTIN: Did you get the worst?

12 (Long pause)

13 AUSTIN: It's going to be a long night.

14 WILLOUGHBY: Yeah, you said it.

15 AUSTIN: I've got some here.

16 WILLOUGHBY: Thanks.

17 SIRHAN: May I smoke?

18 (Long pause)

19 AUSTIN: Fire in the wall sure sounds hot, doesn't it?

20 VOICE: What color are his eyes?

21 WILLOUGHBY: Brown.

22 VOICE: How much do you think he weights?

23 WILLOUGHBY: Oh, 140. How much do you weigh, 140?

24 VOICE: Five-six.

25 WILLOUGHBY: Yeah, about 5-6, 140.

26 AUSTIN: How much do you weigh? Huh? How much do you

1 weigh? 140? 150? 130? 120? 110? How tall are you?

2 Makes no difference to me. I'm only a peon here.

3 SIRHAN: I like your humor, sir.

4 AUSTIN: I hate to sit here and say nothing. Are you
5 married? You start a conversation. You married? Do you
6 have a family? You say something, then, anything. I'm sure
7 you've already been told about your rights; is that right?
8 Have you? Well, you can say yes or no. Then say something
9 that doesn't pertain to them. We're all people, you know.
10 You got a girl friend? Boyfriend? Friends? Did the
11 detective tell you that you have the right to remain silent?
12 Did he? Did he tell you you had the right to the services
13 of an attorney before making any statements? Did he tell
14 you that anything you say can and will be held against you
15 in a court of law? Just nod yes or no if you don't want to
16 answer me. Did he tell you that? If he didn't tell you,
17 I'll tell you. Do you understand that? Do you understand?
18 Do you or don't you? Shake your head no if not, or shake
19 your head yes if you do. Neither one? Do you understand?
20 All I'm trying to do is point 'em out to you. Do you
21 understand English? Do you understand English? Or would
22 you rather have somebody to speak in Spanish for you? The
23 only things I'm asking you is things we're going to find
24 out anyhow. You know that. Do you speak English? (Pause)

25 WILLOUGHBY: Silent Sam.

26 AUSTIN: What do you speak? What happened to your leg?

1 What happened to your leg? You won't even tell me that.
2 Why? What happened to your leg?

3 WILLOUGHBY: Yeah, he's just trying to be sociable with
4 you. Can't you talk? Huh? We're going to be in here for
5 a long time. You just as well be sociable. Hell, we're
6 just trying to get along.

7 AUSTIN: Say yes or no if you understand.

8 WILLOUGHBY: Sure.

9 AUSTIN: We're not participants of voodoo, because we
10 can't outstare each other,

11 JORDAN: Okay, fellows.

12 MELENDRES: How are you?

13 JORDAN: Thank you very much.

14 WILLOUGHBY: Okay.

15 (Overlapping voices)

16 JORDAN: Okay, did you get your show on? He's got a
17 bad leg there, Mel.

18 MELENDRES: We'll go downstairs. Patchett's waiting.

19 SIRHAN: Will you please get my pants fastened for me?

20 JORDAN: Take a breath.

21 SIRHAN: Jack 'em up. Jack 'em up.

22 JORDAN: Yeah.

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IV

TRANSCRIPT #56

TAPE #28918
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
June 5, 1968, 3:15 to 3:45 A.M.

1 TAPE #28918
2 TAPED CONVERSATIONS RELATING
3 TO SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
4 TAPED IN CENTRAL JAIL, CELL A-1 & INTERVIEW ROOM 1
5 JUNE 5, 1968, 3:15 A.M. TO 3:45 A.M.
6 PRESENT: MR. JOHN HOWARD, L.A. CO. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
7 SGT. W. C. JORDAN, RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION
8 SGT. A. B. MELENDRES, RAMPART DETECTIVE DIVISION
9 OFFICER FRANK A. FOSTER, CENTRAL JAIL DIVISION
10 TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
11 ASSISTED BY: SGT. W. C. JORDAN

12 ** INDICATES UNINTELLIGIBLE

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14 FOSTER: The wife doesn't like this graveyard shift too
15 well.

16 SIRHAN: I don't really smoke, but I'll oblige you if
17 you want to--if you want me to smoke with you. Thank you.

18 FOSTER: If you don't want to smoke, huh?

19 FOSTER: Do you smoke cigars?

20 VOICE: Do you smoke cigars? He wouldn't give you a
21 cigar. He doesn't have any.

22 (Laughter)

23 (Background voices)

24 SIRHAN: What does a job like this pay?

25 FOSTER: Well, let's see.

26 SIRHAN: What do you call this, you--you're official?

FOSTER: Well, I'm a policeman.

SIRHAN: Oh.

FOSTER: See, and I'm just in--working in the jail system.
See, they have policemen out in the field in uniform, like
in a blue uniform, and then, of course, they have to have

1 policemen in here, too. So--

2 SIRHAN: Is there any difference in pay?

3 FOSTER: No, no, it's all the same.

4 SIRHAN: Responsibilities and requirements.

5 FOSTER: It's all the same, I mean, different responsi-
6 bilities, of course, but it's--it's all the same. Because
7 when you come on the job, it's all the same. You know.

8 SIRHAN: It's a darn good-looking mustache you've got.

9 FOSTER: How's that?

10 SIRHAN: I like your mustache.

11 FOSTER: Oh, yeah, I've got it--it's been going about a
12 week and a half now. I have a blond--kind of reddish blond--
13 so it's going to be pretty wild, huh.

14 SIRHAN: Don't shave it though.

15 FOSTER: Huh?

16 SIRHAN: Don't shave it when you get it raised.

17 FOSTER: No, I'm going to leave it long.

18 SIRHAN: Long.

19 FOSTER: Yeah, I'm going on vacation in July, and I'm
20 going to grow a whole beard, a full beard. I'm going to
21 really let myself go. Do you like to shave? I--I hate it.

22 SIRHAN: I have to shave.

23 FOSTER: It tears my face up all the time. Hi!

24 HOWARD: Hi!

25 VOICE: Hello.

26 HOWARD: Would you like to get cleaned up?

1 SIRHAN: Well, I don't look very presentable.

2 JORDAN: It's not a perfect fit.

3 HOWARD: It doesn't fit me. ** Yeah, how about that, do

4 you want to trade?

5 MELENDRES: Mine wouldn't fit you either, would they?

6 SIRHAN: I wish you could accommodate me more. **

7 HOWARD: Did you get everything you needed?

8 MELENDRES: There, he looks better. All cleaned up nice.

9 Did you wet your hair, too?

10 SIRHAN: Yeah, sure, sure.

11 JORDAN: How's the leg?

12 SIRHAN: A little lukewarm water helped it a little bit.

13 HOWARD: Got a bad leg?

14 SIRHAN: Yeah, when are we going to continue our dis-

15 cussion, sir, on the Kirshke--

16 HOWARD: Yeah, we were talking about Kirshke--

17 SIRHAN: Yes.

18 HOWARD: --weren't we? How come you followed that? I

19 was interested to ask you.

20 SIRHAN: No, I didn't follow it. I mean I didn't--I

21 didn't--I was--I was--I was hoping you'd clue me in on it,

22 you know, brief me on it, you might say.

23 HOWARD: It was a tough law suit. You'd have to know

24 Jack. He was a deputy; I worked with him. It's hard to--

25 SIRHAN: No, I mean--I mean the substance of the case.

26 HOWARD: The substance actually was whether or not he

1 was the guy that--there is no question his wife and friend of
2 hers got shot. There is no question about that. The question
3 was who did it. The jury resolved that it was Jack Kirschke.
4 It was a hard fought case and went a long time.

5 MELENDRES: How long did that case go?

6 HOWARD: Gosh, it must have gone about four or five or
7 six months, I think.

8 JORDAN: Yeah, at least that long.

9 HOWARD: Yeah.

10 JORDAN: From beginning to end.

11 HOWARD: It was tried by Al Harris up in the Attorney
12 General's Office.

13 SIRHAN: But how would the jury have reacted had Kirschke
14 been not a--

15 HOWARD: A District Attorney?

16 SIRHAN: District Attorney.

17 HOWARD: It's hard to say. I think myself they probably
18 would hold a District Attorney to a higher standard than an
19 ordinary citizen.

20 SIRHAN: You bet your boots!

21 HOWARD: You bet. I--that's my guess.

22 SIRHAN: Would you--would you, if you were in his shoes,
23 how would you react?

24 HOWARD: It's hard to say.

25 SIRHAN: How about you, Mr.--

26 MELENDRES: Melendres.

1 SIRHAN: Melendres?

2 MELENDRES: Well, it's hard to say, but I don't know.
3 It's--you know. You'd have to listen to the evidence and
4 everything, get testimony and everything. How would you
5 know? I'm not--I'm not too conversant with the case. I
6 just followed it like an average layman, know what I read in
7 the papers.

8 SIRHAN: What was your attitude, Mr. Jordan?

9 JORDAN: You mean as a juror or as a citizen?

10 SIRHAN: Well, as a juror or as a citizen.

11 JORDAN: As a citizen, a--

12 SIRHAN: A responsible citizen, I mean.

13 JORDAN: Thank you. I'll have to go along with subcon-
14 sciously, and I'd think I'd probably be inclined you would--
15 you would hold somebody in that position to a stricter
16 accounting than you would the every-day layman. I think it's
17 almost subconscious, though.

18 SIRHAN: Stereotype as a villain, you might say?

19 JORDAN: Well, not necessarily.

20 SIRHAN: No, I mean a stereotype. As all District
21 Attorneys.

22 JORDAN: I see what you mean.

23 SIRHAN: They come--and, yeah, like they all want that,
24 boom! They want to grab it. And yet he wants--

25 JORDAN: I see what you mean.

26 SIRHAN: The seeds were, you know that--

1 JORDAN: Retribution.

2 SIRHAN: Retribution, and the tables were turned you
3 might say. How would--how would--how did he really react,
4 now? How would--how would--how would an average person,
5 supposing you were--you were involved in that, how exactly
6 would you react when--when you are the prosecutor and you
7 want the other man's life--you're thirsty--you're hungering
8 for his blood, and yet you are thrown in his position, in
9 that man's position, how would you want that other--the man
10 that's prosecuting you to react? Too, how much would you
11 expect him to demand?

12 JORDAN: Oh, I don't know. I'd--let me ask you this.
13 How much do you think?

14 SIRHAN: I asked the first question. You answer first.

15 JORDAN: Oh, I think everyone would expect inherently,
16 first of all, fairness and justice, beyond that what else
17 could you expect?

18 SIRHAN: No favoritism at all? Wouldn't--wouldn't you
19 really--I mean I--I felt bad myself, a little bit, that Jack
20 Kirshke must have--how should you say? In one way he must
21 have--supposing a defendant was in fact innocent of an
22 accusation of--what ever you call it, and Jack Kirshke
23 demanded his life as restitution for his crime or the thing--
24 the wrong he did, and he succeeded in it? Would you con-
25 sider what--that--that a request for his life would in some
26 way recompense the innocent lives that he has requested?

1 JORDAN: What are you asking me?

2 SIRHAN: Huh?

3 JORDAN: What are you asking me?

4 SIRHAN: I mean would you say that had his death now or
5 has his decision been an issue? **

6 JORDAN: His death penalty been imposed? Yes.

7 SIRHAN: Now, would you say that the death penalty is,
8 in fact, just and should be issued?

9 HOWARD: I didn't follow the case that much. I do not--
10 I could not say that as a matter of, you know, I would--I
11 have no reason to believe it is not just, not fair. Now,
12 that's a matter of semantics. Now we're talking--you're
13 asking me if it's--if it's fair and proper. The question is
14 did he kill two people. If he killed two people, then is it
15 a proper sentence? Who knows?

16 JORDAN: What's happening?

17 SIRHAN: He asked me--I heard him say ** He is wondering
18 what I am thinking. I'm--I was following your line of
19 thought.

20 HOWARD: It's hard to know other people. You know where
21 we are now? I've told you you've been booked.

22 SIRHAN: I don't know.

23 HOWARD: You are in custody. You've been booked. You
24 understand what I've been--

25 SIRHAN: ** I have been before a magistrate, have I or
26 have I not?

1 HOWARD: No, you have not. You will be taken before a
2 magistrate as soon as possible. Probably will be tried.

3 SIRHAN: You going to take me up there?

4 HOWARD: Not with those--I'll get you up there if worse
5 comes to worse--

6 SIRHAN: No, no, no, I mean--

7 JORDAN: You'll be properly--you'll be properly attired,
8 (Voices overlapping)

9 HOWARD: This is an interrogation room. I think it's
10 Room 1, isn't it?

11 JORDAN: That's correct.

12 SIRHAN: No, I mean--

13 JORDAN: --this is Room 1. You're in the Central Jail
14 at Parker Center.

15 HOWARD: You're downtown Los Angeles in the Central Jail.
16 Now when I say this, if you know, you know--you know--I'm not
17 saying it because I don't know. We're not communicating very
18 well up to now, but you are downtown Los Angeles, okay? This
19 is the Main Jail for the L.A. Police Department. You'll be
20 booked into a cell. I don't know exactly where, and I don't
21 want to know where, but it will be around here; do you under-
22 stand that? Do you understand where you are?

23 SIRHAN: As long as you say it.

24 HOWARD: Okay? I mean you know where L.A. is and all
25 those things? Okay? So far?

26 SIRHAN: So far, proceed.

1 HOWARD: Now, besides Kirshke, now what--what else can
2 we talk about?

3 SIRHAN: Really, that's all I wanted. **

4 HOWARD: Really? Did you read about it or are you--you
5 seem to know--did you know any of the parties in it?

6 SIRHAN: No, I--I--I told you, sir, I think he--that I
7 observed it from just seeing it.

8 JORDAN: On television?

9 SIRHAN: Very fleetingly on television.

10 HOWARD: Uh huh. Yeah, it had a lot of publicity. A
11 hard law suit.

12 SIRHAN: You're a good man, Mr. Jordan.

13 JORDAN: I don't know about that.

14 SIRHAN: How do you mean?

15 JORDAN: Well--

16 SIRHAN: If a person doesn't allow himself, sir, well,
17 really--

18 JORDAN: Well, okay, I think I am.

19 SIRHAN: Beautiful.

20 JORDAN: You **

21 SIRHAN: How about you, Mr.--you got any children, family,
22 or what are you?

23 HOWARD: I've got children. How about you? Huh?

24 SIRHAN: Do you plan to train them in this business of
25 prosecution?

26 HOWARD: No, they're girls.

1 SIRHAN: Oh, maybe they'd become good juries and judges
2 like Judge Cannon.

3 HOWARD: Yes, they could.

4 SIRHAN: Do you think she will make it again?

5 HOWARD: Yes.

6 SIRHAN: Why?

7 HOWARD: Because the last time I heard, she was ahead in
8 the voting. I just heard it. Some mention made of it.

9 SIRHAN: I like that lady. She is a little one, no?
10 The little--little mini-skirt type of a girl.

11 (Voices overlapping)

12 HOWARD: If I were going to call you something, what
13 would I call you, George, or Pete, or what?

14 SIRHAN: Frank, sir, the officer named Frank?

15 HOWARD: Yeah, Melendres?

16 SIRHAN: No, no, not--not this one.

17 JORDAN: No, he means the young man from the jail.

18 SIRHAN: His name is Frank, and he introduced himself,
19 and I introduced myself as John Doe.

20 HOWARD: Did you?

21 JORDAN: John Doe. I think I gave him a clue to that.

22 HOWARD: I wish I'd have said that. I wish I'd have said
23 that.

24 JORDAN: You like the name John Doe?

25 SIRHAN: Oh, it's--

26 HOWARD: Huh?

1 SIRHAN: --nice for a last name.

2 HOWARD: Gee, I would have thought of something more
3 exotic than John Doe.

4 SIRHAN: Well, really, I think--

5 HOWARD: How about Rudolph Valentino?

6 SIRHAN: I think Humphrey is very exotic myself.

7 HOWARD: Humphrey?

8 SIRHAN: Yeah, or Murphy, or whatever it is. **

9 HOWARD: Well, you've got our list of names, haven't
10 you?

11 SIRHAN: Forgive me, uh?

12 HOWARD: Where you can reach us?

13 JORDAN: Here it is.

14 SIRHAN: Howard.

15 HOWARD: Howard and Murph, Jordan and Melendres.

16 SIRHAN: Have Murph--

17 HOWARD: Huh?

18 SIRHAN: Jordan is a very--more--how do you say it?
19 More streamlined.

20 JORDAN: Well, thank you. People don't usually refer
21 to me as streamlined. I'll tell you that.

22 SIRHAN: No, I mean your name and pronunciation. Don't
23 you feel that?

24 JORDAN: Yeah, that's a nice--

25 SIRHAN: Howard--

26 JORDAN: --it rolls off the tongue easily.

1 SIRHAN: Huh?

2 JORDAN: I said it rolls off the tongue easily.

3 HOWARD: You--you all in?

4 SIRHAN: How do you mean?

5 HOWARD: Tired?

6 SIRHAN: Not really.

7 HOWARD: You sure?

8 SIRHAN: Say, is there any chance for any coffee or

9 something to drink or eat in here?

10 HOWARD: Is there any coffee around?

11 JORDAN: We'll try to find some.

12 HOWARD: Just keep you awake.

13 SIRHAN: Huh?

14 HOWARD: Just keep you awake.

15 SIRHAN: Your daughter is going to Vassar?

16 HOWARD: Going where?

17 SIRHAN: How old are they?

18 HOWARD: Pretty young.

19 SIRHAN: Oh, really?

20 HOWARD: Yeah.

21 SIRHAN: You must have married late.

22 HOWARD: Yeah, they're--how about you, you haven't

23 told me yet. Have you?

24 SIRHAN: What?

25 HOWARD: What? About what?

26 SIRHAN: Your question.

1 HOWARD: Your question. How about your kids?

2 SIRHAN: What about it?

3 HOWARD: I don't know.

4 FOSTER: Hey, what do you take in your coffee?

5 SIRHAN: Black.

6 FOSTER: Just black coffee, or would you like a little
7 bit of sugar in it?

8 SIRHAN: Oh, if you got any good cream, I would like a
9 little bit of that, and a little sugar, please.

10 FOSTER: They got some powdered cream down here.

11 SIRHAN: No, that's all right, just a little, just a
12 little sugar, please.

13 FOSTER: Okay, real good.

14 SIRHAN: I appreciate it, Frank.

15 FOSTER: That's all right.

16 HOWARD: We won't be buggin' you much. I won't anyway
17 because I'm going to sleep because I'm inherently lazy.

18 SIRHAN: Inherently?

19 HOWARD: Yeah.

20 SIRHAN: You shouldn't be a D. A.'s assistant.

21 HOWARD: Right.

22 SIRHAN: You shouldn't be a D. A.'s assistant.

23 HOWARD: What I would like to do is--you know how to
24 reach me? You have a--you don't even need a dime.

25 SIRHAN: They, they--

26 HOWARD: They'll give you a phone call.

SIRHAN: No, when they called it, you know, they--they

1 insisted that I do the process of the dialing, you know.

2 HOWARD: Yeah, they'll--they'll make you dial.

3 SIRHAN: Will that happen, too?

4 HOWARD: Yeah, they'll let you dial any time you want.

5 Did I put the extension down, 526-3888?

6 SIRHAN: I did that myself.

7 HOWARD: You did?

8 SIRHAN: And the lady said that--

9 HOWARD: Did you dial for me?

10 SIRHAN: Yes.

11 HOWARD: Did you?

12 SIRHAN: Yeah.

13 HOWARD: No one ever dials--

14 SIRHAN: I dialed seven or eight times and no reply.

15 HOWARD: Oh.

16 SIRHAN: So then--

17 HOWARD: --well, someone said you wanted me.

18 SIRHAN: The Mormon?

19 HOWARD: The Mormon.

20 SIRHAN: Yeah, one of these guys right here.

21 HOWARD: How did you tell he was Mormon?

22 SIRHAN: Well, he had a little joke about Mormons; he
23 was a Mormon himself.

24 HOWARD: Yeah?

25 SIRHAN: The guy that fingerprinted me.

26 HOWARD: Well, I--what I'd like to do is keep these.

1 I want to talk to you when you feel like you want to talk to
2 me.

3 SIRHAN: Well, I--well, I--

4 HOWARD: --I told you that, you know. So sometime you
5 want to talk and you know what I want to talk about--you
6 want to talk about anything, Kirshke, we talk about Kirshke.

7 SIRHAN: Okay, we'll talk about whatever--how about
8 the stock market?

9 HOWARD: Do you play it?

10 SIRHAN: No, I don't. I don't really know the--the--the
11 mechanics of it, the thing that makes it go. Tell me about
12 it, you seem to be wealthy enough to--

13 HOWARD: --I don't know anything about it.

14 SIRHAN: To want to speculate in it.

15 HOWARD: I don't know anything about it.

16 SIRHAN: Really? Gee, I mean in legal cases, how--I
17 mean, doesn't the stock or the finances come in at all?

18 HOWARD: There are much darker things than that that
19 come in.

20 SIRHAN: There are? How do you mean?

21 HOWARD: I don't know. You'd be surprised.

22 SIRHAN: Where are they?

23 HOWARD: I don't know. They went out probably to get
24 a cup of coffee, bring you one. I don't know. I'll remind
25 me before I leave to tell them to get you some pants as soon
26 as they can.

1 SIRHAN: No, no, some civil clothes, preferably my
2 own, really. This is really--this is--this is mendicants,
3 the pants.

4 HOWARD: Mendicants?

5 SIRHAN: Surely.

6 HOWARD: What is mendicants? You mean priests?

7 SIRHAN: Mendicant.

8 HOWARD: Oh, mendicant.

9 SIRHAN: Isn't that--

10 HOWARD: What's a mendicant?

11 SIRHAN: --a beggar?

12 HOWARD: I don't know the word.

13 SIRHAN: Well, really? Gee, Mr. Howard, don't tell me
14 that.

15 HOWARD: Didn't you hear of mendicant friars? Begging?
16 And what is a mendicant?

17 SIRHAN: I thought a mendicant was a beggar.

18 HOWARD: A beggar? Probably.

19 SIRHAN: Really, look it up.

20 HOWARD: I will. How do you spell it?

21 SIRHAN: You know it, don't you?

22 HOWARD: How do you spell it?

23 SIRHAN: I don't really know. You know, I've heard it,
24 picked it up here and there.

25 HOWARD: Well, what are you laughing about? What are
26 you thinking?

1 SIRHAN: Your predicament, you're fencing.

2 HOWARD: Not that.

3 SIRHAN: Why not?

4 HOWARD: Huh? Why would I pick that? You have me
5 wrong.

6 JORDAN: Coffee. Now, you want me--do you want me to
7 take some first?

8 SIRHAN: No, no, I mean where's--where's ** oh, hell,
9 really I--I

10 (Voices overlapping)

11 JORDAN: We've been drinking coffee.

12 HOWARD: We've been drinking it all night.

13 JORDAN: We just put it down before we came down here
14 now. Now, you want me to take a swallow?

15 SIRHAN: Sure.

16 JORDAN: It's all right.

17 SIRHAN: Another one.

18 JORDAN: All right, fine. I hope you like sugar.

19 SIRHAN: Is it sweet?

20 Jordan; Uh huh. I drink mine black with nothing in
21 it. Okay?

22 SIRHAN: Thanks.

23 VOICE: There's nothing in it.

24 JORDAN: Like I said, if anything happens, we go
25 together now.

26 SIRHAN: Right, right, all the way, huh?

1 JORDAN: Right.

2 SIRHAN: Really, I--I feel out of place. **

3 JORDAN: No, we all--all had two or three cups, and
4 I am sure you haven't had any; so it's only fair that you
5 have some.

6 SIRHAN: Thank you. You're very considerate.

7 HOWARD: So no one answered when you phoned up for me,
8 huh?

9 SIRHAN: No, a lady--

10 HOWARD: Yeah, probably three o'clock he phoned up.
11 Let me give you an extension, will you? John Doe, where you
12 can reach me.

13 SIRHAN: Okay, Mr. Howard.

14 HOWARD: Call me John.

15 SIRHAN: Okay, John.

16 HOWARD: Okay? Call me at 2288, and you can reach
17 Murph or I at the same number, and you can reach these chaps
18 at 388-3161. That's during working hours. After work they
19 will be around, and you can reach someone at that call. If
20 you call up at night or something, you--I mean, you know,
21 as I told you I'm that lazy, so I don't want to come down
22 here.

23 SIRHAN: Inherently, inherently.

24 HOWARD: Inherently.

25 SIRHAN: Really, how would you say judge a man who is
26 inherently lazy and yet so thriving and wanting to be on the

1 job to impress his superiors?

2 HOWARD: Why is that?

3 SIRHAN: And yet this guy claims and professes to be
4 inherently lazy. He should go out and exercise--you've got
5 a lot of it here.

6 JORDAN: He knows how to hurt a guy, you know that?

7 HOWARD: Right.

8 SIRHAN: Like all Americans, physical health gone.

9 MELENDRES: Mr. Howard, Lt. Hegge would like to speak
10 to you outside for a moment.

11 HOWARD: Hegge from?

12 MELENDRES: Rampart.

13 HOWARD: Rampart? Okay. Be back in a second.

14 SIRHAN: What are you thinking, Sarge?

15 JORDAN: I'm the low man on the totem pole; do you
16 follow me?

17 SIRHAN: You are the best man.

18 JORDAN: Well, that's--thank you, that's--

19 SIRHAN: --I mean that, sir, with all my sincerity.

20 JORDAN: Well, I'm trying to do this like I think it
21 should be done, properly. Now, I hope it's right.

22 SIRHAN: I respect you for that.

23 JORDAN: I think it's right, and I hope if you agree,
24 why that--that makes me feel that I'm on the right track
25 anyway. Has everybody been treating you okay?

26 SIRHAN: Very fine.

1 JORDAN: Okay.

2 SIRHAN: And I appreciate it.

3 JORDAN: Well, that's--that went out with the dark
4 ages, I hope, you know.

5 SIRHAN: I hope so; I hope so.

6 JORDAN: No, no, believe me, as long as you're with
7 this Department, you will be treated properly; that's a--I
8 promise you.

9 SIRHAN: I will hold you to that.

10 JORDAN: You hold me to that, I mean that. If anybody
11 mistreats you in any way, you let me know and I will see that
12 something is done. I mean that now because that's not part
13 of--I have a job, and I like to do it, and I do it properly.
14 Right?

15 SIRHAN: I respect you for that, really.

16 JORDAN: I mean that though, seriously. Give us a
17 call if--

18 SIRHAN: Thank you.

19 HOWARD: Okay, I've got to go to work.

20 SIRHAN: You going to work?

21 HOWARD: Yeah.

22 MELENDRES: Young man?

23 SIRHAN: Yes, sir.

24 MELENDRES: Let's be friendly and manly here for a
25 second, will you?

26 SIRHAN: Yes, sir.

1 MELENDRES: We have a job to do.

2 SIRHAN: Yes, sir.

3 MELENDRES: You understand this, don't you?

4 SIRHAN: Yes, sir; yes, sir.

5 MELENDRES: I'm Sgt. Melendres, and this is Sgt.

6 Jordan, and you have been talking to Mr. Howard. Now, do you
7 want to talk to us about the incident at the Ambassador, or
8 don't you? Were you at the Ambassador tonight?

9 SIRHAN: Well, look, Mr. Jordan--

10 JORDAN: Uh huh.

11 SIRHAN: Again, Mr.--

12 MELENDRES: Melendres.

13 SIRHAN: I must act right for a minute and say that
14 when he informed me of my constitutional rights, the first
15 thing that he said, that I have the right to remain silent.

16 MELENDRES: This is correct.

17 HOWARD: Right.

18 MELENDRES: This is absolutely correct.

19 SIRHAN: No, this is--this is basic American--

20 HOWARD: Right.

21 SIRHAN: --jurisprudence. No?

22 HOWARD: Right.

23 JORDAN: No argument.

24 MELENDRES: But we have to leave here, at least ask you
25 if you want to talk to us about the incident.

26 HOWARD: You have to give up your right--

1 MELENDRES: If you want to give us--

2 HOWARD: --if you want, that's your choice. That's
3 your choice. No one else in the world can make it.

4 (Overlapping voices)

5 MELENDRES: We're talking man to man now. You--Mr.
6 Jordan, as a legitimate law enforcement officer, advised you
7 of your constitutional rights.

8 SIRHAN: **

9 MELENDRES: Now, you have the right to give up these
10 rights if you want to talk to us, talk to us if--this is
11 your privilege. Now do you want to talk to us about the
12 incident tonight? You want to at least give us your name?

13 SIRHAN: I thought that you had mine.

14 HOWARD: John Doe.

15 SIRHAN: John Doe.

16 HOWARD: Now, what's your real name?

17 SIRHAN: Really **

18 HOWARD: Now, that--here's where we come down to John,
19 whatever your name is.

20 SIRHAN: Doe.

21 HOWARD: All right, John Doe. When it comes right down
22 to it, at some point of time, you may want to make a statement,
23 that has to be up to you. You had your rights explained to
24 you. We've been here now for some time trying to talk to
25 you, to find out if you wanted to talk to us. Now, I'll leave
26 you our numbers. We would like to talk to you tonight. We'd

1 like to bring a stenographer in here, take down a reported
2 statement, your statement--

3 SIRHAN: Uh huh.

4 HOWARD: --as to what occurred within the last four
5 hours before you came here. That's what we would like to do.
6 You have no obligation to make that statement.

7 SIRHAN: Hell, I'm no movie star that want all that
8 much--

9 HOWARD: Fine, that's up to you.

10 SIRHAN: Jesus Christ.

11 HOWARD: Fine, that's good enough for me. Okay? If
12 you decide you don't want to change your mind--

13 MELENDRES: You have our names and you can reach us.
14 (Overlapping voices)

15 SIRHAN: What time is it, Mr. Jordan?

16 JORDAN: It's 20 minutes to four.

17 SIRHAN: I'm allowed 72 hours before I'm brought before
18 a magistrate, no?

19 JORDAN: Maximum is 48.

20 SIRHAN: Forty-eight, well--

21 JORDAN: It's court--court days now.

22 SIRHAN: Court, you have that many hours minus to--
23 before I'm brought before the magistrate.

24 MELENDRES: Right, that's correct.

25 HOWARD: You will be brought before a magistrate
26 probably. I'll talk to the guy out there and see if they've

1 got any smaller pants, okay?

2 SIRHAN: Thank you.

3 JORDAN: He's slender, that kind of hurts me.

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SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
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1 TAPR #28976
2 TAPED CONVERSATIONS RELATING
3 TO SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
4 TAPED IN CENTRAL JAIL
5 JUNE 5, 1968, 3:45 A.M.

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8 SIRHAN: Tell me about it. Tell me about it. How
9 do you credit, I mean, in review?

10 FOSTER: Well, I'm only in the 7th chapter so far,
11 and they actually don't even know--it's about The Boston
12 Strangler.

13 SIRHAN: Oh, oh, oh.

14 FOSTER: And they don't even to this point have
15 hardly one clue, you know, to say that it was this person
16 or that person.

17 SIRHAN: Well, I'm only topically familiar with that,
18 with the whole story about him, not with the individual
19 himself; so how does it go?

20 FOSTER: Well--

21 SIRHAN: I forgot all about him.

22 FOSTER: Well, all of the women that have been
23 assaulted so far were done in a certain manner. I mean, he
24 did it all one way.

25 SIRHAN: ** a pattern.

26 FOSTER: He would assault them in a certain manner,

1 and he would use a nylon, one of their nylons.

2 SIRHAN: One of their hose.

3 FOSTER: Tie it around their neck and then he would
4 make a bow out of it, you know, like it was very--it was,
5 you know, artistic to him. Something that he really enjoyed.
6 It's pretty good so far. I haven't really got that far into
7 it.

8 SIRHAN: That's really cool. Have they found out
9 his name? I mean the guy who done this?

10 FOSTER: Well, it's mainly--it's so far except for
11 two cases.

12 MCGARRY: Do you want the lights on in here or--

13 FOSTER: No, I don't think so.

14 MCGARRY: We can turn them on.

15 FOSTER: No. So far it's been mainly on weekends
16 except for two, two times it's always been on a weekend.
17 It's always been single women, you know, a widow woman--

18 SIRHAN: Oh.

19 FOSTER: --or single girl--

20 SIRHAN: Oh.

21 FOSTER: --or something like that.

22 SIRHAN: You mean attractive?

23 FOSTER: No, no surprisingly--uh, except for two
24 girls, see one was 22 and the other one was 23. Yeah, 22
25 and 23, and all the others were 65, 68, 63, 55, pretty old,
26 you know.

1 SIRHAN: Gee, man, that's something. I wonder often
2 what would provoke or cause such a man (noise of siren) to
3 do that.

4 FOSTER: Well, no doubt that the man's, you know,
5 calm enough to do that or demented mind sexually. The way
6 they feel now, possibly, is that it's a younger person and
7 that he has a psychological factor that he should kill his
8 mother--

9 SIRHAN: Oh.

10 FOSTER: --or something like that.

11 SIRHAN: Oh, oh.

12 FOSTER: Because he apparently had a bad childhood.
13 This is the way the psychologists have been setting up the
14 pattern.

15 SIRHAN: But, correct me if I'm mistaken, is it
16 when--is this the--the man is self-admitting-he admits that
17 he's--wasn't trying, but they won't believe him. Is this
18 related to it?

19 FOSTER: Well--

20 SIRHAN: Is this--I mean--is this related to it
21 because there is another story about a man that did that.

22 FOSTER: Well, the guy's last name is DeSalvo. See,
23 this is a true story. Remember he escaped back in '66, I
24 think it was--he escaped from prison, and he was out for
25 three or four days back in New York and Pennsylvania, back
26 there, and he had the state in a real turmoil.

1 SIRHAN: Mental?

2 FOSTER: Well, he didn't do anything as far as,
3 you know, killing anyone else, but he was--he had escaped
4 for a few days and then they recaptured him.

5 SIRHAN: This was just recently, isn't it, when he--
6 when they tracked him in the snow?

7 FOSTER: I don't know if they tracked him in the
8 snow or not. I really don't know.

9 SIRHAN: Is this--

10 FOSTER: I--it's back in '63--'62 or 3.

11 SIRHAN: Oh, no, no, no, this is--this is--this is
12 about a year ago.

13 FOSTER: Oh, no, this happened back in--it started
14 in June of '62. June of '62.

15 (Pause)

16 SIRHAN: Any children?

17 FOSTER: I have two, a little girl and a little boy.

18 SIRHAN: I wouldn't believe that.

19 FOSTER: The little girl, she's three; she was three
20 in February. And I have a little boy, he'll be--let's see--
21 eight months old the 9th of this month. He's just starting--
22 he wants to walk but he's--

23 SIRHAN: --tries?

24 FOSTER: He crawls around a lot, gets into every-
25 thing. He sure wants to move about.

26 SIRHAN: You know, it--it--it happens about that