

Metropolitan Division (Contd)

(8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
Inside Hospital Security

Officer J. J. Reiner
Officer F. Rosalino
Officer R. W. Sims
Officer R. C. Singhaue
Officer P. M. Sprencz
Officer C. B. Thompson
Officer N. R. Willis

Rampart Division

Unit

Lieutenant B. E. Sanderson

2L10

Business Office Division

Captain W. T. Smith

Staff 9

FUNCTIONS OF RAMPART PATROL AND DETECTIVES

The following is a summary of the functions of patrol officers and detectives at Rampart Station. Due to the distinct difference in the duties performed by each, this portion of the report is separated into two parts titled, "Patrol" and "Detectives."

Rampart Division (Patrol)

On June 3, 1968, Captain F. A. Phillips, Commander of Rampart Division, and Lieutenant E. A. Chitwood discussed the deployment for the election night, June 4, 1968. Since no request had been received for policing or providing security for Senator Kennedy, Phillips instructed Chitwood not to assign any officers inside the Ambassador Hotel. Both, however, agreed to deploy four extra units on the night watch of June 4, 1968. Since it was anticipated that the election results would be known by 10:00 p.m., these eight extra officers were assigned to work from 3:15 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. Additionally, the mid watch consisting of four units working from 6:15 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. would augment normal deployment and account for a total of eighteen units working during the majority of the evening.

On June 5, 1968, at 12:01 a.m., twelve morning watch officers relieved the night watch officers and resumed normal patrol. In addition to these morning watch officers, an additional eight mid watch officers remained on duty to overlap the two watches.

12:17 a.m.

Lieutenant R. K. Sillings, Morning Watch Commander, learned

of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel from an anonymous caller. Sillings assigned Sgt. J. S. Locker as station commander while he and Sgt. R. M. Rolon reported to the hotel.

Locker telephoned and notified Inspector R. F. Rock, Captain F. A. Phillips and Lieutenant J. T. Page of the shooting.

12:33 a.m.

Officers T. R. White and A. Placencia arrived at Rampart Station with Sirhan B. Sirhan and Jesse Unruh.

After Sirhan had been placed in an interview room of the detective office, Sgt. Locker arrived and noticed Unruh also seated inside this room. Locker requested Unruh to leave the room. Unruh agreed and stated, "I want that man alive. He must stand trial."

Unruh sat on a chair near the interview room. Locker offered him the use of a telephone and any assistance he might request. Sgt. B. A. Mick was assigned by Locker to remain with Unruh to assist him in any way possible.

12:50 a.m.

Response units from selected patrol divisions were ordered to report to Rampart Station by Deputy Chief E. M. Davis at the Emergency Control Center.

1:00 a.m.

Lieutenant E. A. Chitwood, who had been off duty, arrived at the station and assumed the duties of watch commander. He promptly

established security of the building by utilizing the station personnel to guard the main entrances.

As news reporters and sightseers began arriving, Chitwood reinforced his station defense with other officers who were dispatched from Central Receiving Hospital and from other patrol divisions. Tighter security measures were enforced to insure Sirhan's safety. Officers assigned to the station's entrances were instructed not to allow any person, other than Los Angeles police officers, inside the building. All others were to be cleared through Lt. Chitwood.

Additional officers were posted on the roof as lookouts and for sniper alert. Other policemen were assigned to patrol the station parking lots, guarding the detective area and reinforcing other key locations. In order to protect the silhouetted officers guarding the front entrance, the lobby lights were turned off to make them less vulnerable to sniper fire.

A Frequency 9 base station was established in the watch commander's office. After the first half hour of operations, messages to the Command Post had to be relayed by telephone as they could not receive the base transmissions.

Lieutenant Chitwood assigned Sgt. C. F. Hodge as the personnel officer; Sgt. D. W. Bosacker as the station security officer; Officer G. C. Guthrie, assistant personnel officer; and Officer R. W. Furtak, journal officer.

As the witnesses began arriving at the station, Sgt. Bosacker utilized the roll call room to seat them while waiting to be interviewed. Additional officers were assigned to protect the witnesses at this location.

A total of thirty-eight officers, two sergeants and one lieutenant were utilized at various times for station defense. Of this number those not actually on guard were placed in a reserve pool in the event they were needed elsewhere.

2:00 a.m.

Sergeant J. G. Smith was assigned a squad of nine officers from the reserve pool and instructed to report to the Good Samaritan Hospital to assist in security at that location.

3:35 a.m.

Sergeant Locker requested permission from the Emergency Control Center to keep the officers assigned to him from other divisions due to a vast number of news media personnel and onlookers outside the station.

5:00 a.m.

Sergeant Smith returned to the station with eight of the nine officers originally assigned to him. The ninth officer, Officer W. Wighton, had remained at the Good Samaritan Hospital on a special assignment as a photographer. Since sufficient officers were deployed at the hospital, Captain Fudge had relieved Smith and his men with instructions to return to the station.

5:15 a.m.

Due to a lack of field units available, Sgt. Smith was placed in charge of four two-man units to handle routine calls. Patrol units from as far away as Harbor Division had been dispatched to Rampart and the surrounding divisions to handle radio calls.

7:30 a.m.

The station defense was secured and all officers affected were relieved.

Rampart Division (Detectives)

From June 5, 1968, at 12:35 a.m. through June 11, 1968, Rampart Detective Division was assigned the responsibility for the investigation surrounding the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The following is an account on the activities of the personnel at Rampart Detectives on June 5, 1968, from 12:35 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

12:20 a.m.

Lieutenant C. F. Hughes, Rampart Detective Commander, was off duty when he first heard of the shooting. He immediately telephoned Lt. A. S. Hegge, Sergeants J. R. Mac Arthur, A. B. Melendres and F. J. Patchett. All were instructed to report for duty to handle the investigation. Mac Arthur drove directly to the Ambassador Hotel while the others reported at Rampart Station. They were later joined by Hughes who coordinated the investigation.

Upon learning of the shooting, Inspector J. W. Powers telephoned Detective Headquarters and instructed Sgt. J. R. Murphy to notify Captains H. I. Brown, W. C. Colwell and the Homicide Division shooting teams. Additionally, Murphy was to inform the Rampart Detectives that they would handle the investigation.

12:35 a.m.

Sergeant W. C. Jordan, Night Watch Detective Commander, returned from Central Receiving Hospital with Sgt. H. D. Cullum and Officer G. Renty after learning that Sirhan had been taken to

the station from the Ambassador Hotel. Jordan immediately assumed the responsibility for the initial investigation and safety of Sirhan.

Two of the arresting officers, T. R. White and A. Placencia, were guarding Sirhan in a detective interview room. After searching him and finding various items on his person, both were instructed by Locker to book those articles and begin writing the arrest report. Their security assignment was filled by Officers R. E. Austin and F. R. Willoughby.

12:50 a.m.

A decision was made by Lt. Hughes to transfer Sirhan from Rampart to Parker Center where security and facilities for investigation and detention were more adequate. A plan was formulated to transfer Sirhan in secret, utilizing an undercover vehicle. This was to be accomplished as soon as possible.

1:00 a.m.

Lieutenant Hughes met with Inspectors K. J. McCauley, J. W. Powers, R. F. Rock and L. L. Sporrer to brief them on the shooting and also on the impending transfer of Sirhan.

Inspector McCauley informed Hughes that Rampart Detective Division would remain in charge of the investigation and that he, McCauley, would handle press relations at the station. McCauley instructed Hughes to comb the area of the Ambassador Hotel for Sirhan's vehicle. Officers White and Placencia, who had found a car key in Sirhan's pocket, were assigned by Hughes to search for his vehicle.

Jesse Unruh requested he be allowed to ride with the officers transporting Sirhan to Parker Center. Inspector Rock denied Unruh's request and suggested that he ride in another vehicle to that location. Unruh agreed to this arrangement.

1:00 a.m.

Homicide Division Sergeants R. L. Calkins, J. E. Chiquet, E. H. Henderson and M. J. McGann arrived at Rampart Station. All were assigned to interview the initial thirty-three witnesses.

Note: A total of one hundred and twenty-six recorded interviews were conducted by various investigators during the period of June 5, 1968, through June 11, 1968.

Among the first persons interviewed was Rafer Johnson who had Sirhan's gun in his possession. Earlier, Sergeants J. M. Scherrer and J. Horrall had located him at Central Receiving Hospital. Johnson had refused to surrender the gun to anyone other than to a police officer at "Police Headquarters." Johnson was transported to Rampart Station where he reluctantly relinquished possession of the weapon to Sgt. Calkins.

Calkins, while examining the weapon, removed one shell from the chamber to determine its caliber. The remaining seven shells were left in the cylinder for possible prints. Calkins later booked the gun as evidence at the Crime Lab.

Lieutenant R. L. Helder arrived and assumed the duties of coordinating witness interviews.

1:10 a.m.

Sirhan was taken to an undercover vehicle in the basement parking lot of the station and placed in the back seat. Security en route to Parker Center was provided by Sergeants Jordan, Melendres, Patchett and Officer Willoughby who rode in the same vehicle as Sirhan. Sgt. B. A. Mick and Officer Austin followed these officers in a second vehicle. Unruh was also in the second vehicle.

1:20 a.m.

Inspector Rock left Rampart Station and went to the Ambassador Hotel to provide a staff officer at that location.

Inspector Powers received information that the Senator had expired. Inspector Sporrer informed Powers that he would leave immediately for the Good Samaritan Hospital to investigate this rumor.

1:45 a.m.

Inspector Powers departed for Parker Center to oversee the security and investigation of Sirhan at Homicide Division.

2:40 a.m.

Due to the numerous telephone calls being received from private persons requesting and giving information, Officers P. L. Bressler and E. Valenzuela were assigned to assist Sgt. B. D. Alexander and several other officers in answering telephone calls.

3:25 a.m.

Homicide Division Officers J. D. Dill and E. N. Kamidoi, dispatched

to the Midway Hospital an hour earlier, received an expended bullet from Dr. N. L. Cozen. The bullet had been removed from Irwin N. Stroll's left leg. Dill later booked this item at Property Division, Parker Center.

4:00 a.m.

West Valley radio car officer, J. R. Feddema, received a radio call to go to the Encino Receiving Hospital. At that location he was given an expended bullet by Nurse Geraldine Halloran. She had received this item from Dr. Max R. Finkel who had removed it from the left hip of Ira M. Goldstein. Feddema booked this bullet at Property Division, Parker Center.

4:00 a.m.

Officers White and Placencia located a vehicle on Alexandria Avenue between 6th Street and Wilshire Boulevard that was believed to belong to Sirhan. The key removed from Sirhan's pocket was found to fit the ignition of this vehicle. The vehicle, a 1958 Chrysler, was registered to Robert Gindroz, 2921 Briar Knoll Drive, Hollywood, California. Both officers returned to Rampart Station and informed Lt. Hughes of their findings. Both officers and Lt. A. S. Hegge were dispatched by Lt. Hughes to Parker Center to obtain an affidavit for a search warrant of the found vehicle.

4:15 a.m.

Patrol Officers C. D. Lake and M. Rhine were assigned to guard the vehicle found by White and Placencia.

7:00 a.m.

Lieutenants R. L. Helder, M. P. King, Sergeants R. L. Calkins, F. H. Mecklenburg, M. J. McGann, W. G. Sherriff, E. D. Willis, Officers L. E. De Losh, A. Diaz, J. J. Fedrizzi and T. W. Purington were dispatched to 2921 Briar Knoll Drive. This location was the address where the Gindroz vehicle was registered.

8:30 a.m.

Sergeant E. L. Smith and Officer E. T. Hocking were assigned to fingerprint the vehicle registered to Gindroz.

8:35 a.m.

Officer J. Holmes, Parking and Intersection Control Division, observed Sirhan's vehicle parked in violation of overtime parking. Unaware that it was wanted, he issued this vehicle a citation. At 4:00 p.m. Special Agent Joseph A. Hanlon located this same vehicle which was still parked on New Hampshire Avenue south of Wilshire Boulevard.

12:30 p.m.

Lieutenant King and Sgt. Sherriff were sent to the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. At that location Dr. John Garner gave King the bullet fragments which were removed from the head of Elizabeth Evans.

1:00 p.m.

Sergeant W. E. Brandt entered Lt. Hughes's office with notebooks and other items found during search of Sirhan's residence. Inside the office at this time were Mayor Samuel Yorty, Police

Commissioner Emmett C. McGaughey and Lt. Hughes. Hughes instructed Brandt to show the Mayor the items of evidence. As Inspector McCauley entered the office, the Mayor was reading the contents of Sirhan's notebook.

Due to the vast number of interviews and individual follow-up investigations necessary in this case, additional investigators were assigned from the following divisions: Administrative Vice, Burglary-Auto Theft, Homicide, Intelligence, Metropolitan and Rampart Patrol. Functions of these officers during the next six days of investigation with relation to location of evidence and witnesses and the interviews of individuals is covered in other sections of this report.

The following officers assisted in the security of Rampart Station at various times between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Accident Investigation Division

| | <u>Unit</u> |
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| Sergeant C. A. Hodge | T-40 |
| Sergeant J. G. Smith | T-60 |
| Officer R. W. Furtak | 7T78 |
| Officer G. F. Girard | 6T28 |
| Officer G. C. Guthrie | 6T28 |
| Officer L. J. Miller | 7T78 |

Highland Park Division

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|------------------------|-------|
| Officer L. J. Clesceri | 11A89 |
| Officer P. A. Curran | 11A31 |
| Officer J. J. Flynn | 11A89 |
| Officer C. D. Lake | 11A19 |
| Officer M. E. Rhine | 11A19 |
| Officer J. M. Walker | 11A31 |

Hollenbeck Division

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|------------------------|------|
| Officer P. L. Bressler | 4A67 |
| Officer L. Gutierrez | 4A5 |
| Officer D. A. Lefler | 4A31 |
| Officer V. H. Rains | 4A31 |
| Officer P. D. Schube | 4A5 |
| Officer E. Valenzuela | 4A67 |

Hollywood Division

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|-----------------------|------|
| Officer M. A. Cutting | 6A71 |
| Officer R. W. Gates | 6A71 |
| Officer J. D. Mack | 6A2 |
| Officer C. A. Robbins | 6A2 |
| Officer D. L. Wheeler | 6A48 |
| Officer C. Williams | 6A48 |

Newton Division

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| Officer D. N. Mahle | 13A91 |
| Officer D. E. Zeigler | 13A91 |

Rampart DivisionUnit

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| Lieutenant E. A. Chitwood | 2L10 |
| Sergeant D. W. Bosacker | 2L40 |
| Sergeant J. S. Locker | 2V20 |
| Officer R. B. Adair | 2Z1 |
| Officer R. Barbosa | Desk |
| Officer G. W. Blishak | 2A68 |
| Officer F. Mena | 2X24 |
| Officer P. G. Metoyer | 2Z1 |
| Officer V. J. Morett | 2X26 |
| Officer T. B. Roberts | 2X26 |
| Officer H. L. Schiller | Desk |
| Officer R. J. Velasquez | 2A68 |

University Division

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| Officer D. C. Clodio | 3A21 |
| Officer C. R. Wilson | 3A21 |

Wilshire Division

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| Officer D. G. Aikins | 7A87 |
| Officer D. H. Combs | 7A13 |
| Officer F. C. Meisner | 7A13 |
| Officer W. B. Morgan | 7A87 |

The following personnel were assigned to, or assisted in, the preliminary investigation of the shooting on June 5, 1968, from 12:35 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

Burglary-Auto Theft Division

| | <u>Unit</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Lieutenant M. P. King | 2K20 |
| Sergeant F. H. Mecklenburg | 2K2-A |
| Sergeant W. G. Sherriff | 2K4 |
| Sergeant E. D. Willis | 2K3-A |

Homicide Division

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|--------------------------|------|
| Lieutenant R. J. Helder | 4K20 |
| Sergeant B. D. Alexander | 4K1 |
| Sergeant R. L. Calkins | 4K13 |
| Sergeant J. E. Chiquet | 4K11 |
| Sergeant E. H. Henderson | 4K12 |
| Sergeant M. J. McGann | 4K14 |
| Officer J. P. Dill | 4K7 |
| Officer J. D. Evans | 4K9 |
| Officer G. R. Harrison | 4K9 |
| Officer E. N. Kamidoi | 4K7 |

Juvenile Division

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| Officer L. E. De Losh | 8K1 |
| Officer J. J. Fedrizzi | 8K1 |

Rampart Division

Detectives

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| Lieutenant C. F. Hughes | Commander 2 W |
| Lieutenant A. S. Hegge | 2W10 |
| Sergeant W. E. Brandt | 2W15 |
| Sergeant H. D. Cullum | 2W15 |
| Sergeant W. C. Jordan | 2W10 |
| Sergeant J. R. MacArthur | 2W13 |
| Sergeant A. B. Melendres | 2W2 |
| Sergeant F. J. Patchett | 2W13 |
| Officer D. A. Lodolo | 2W15 |
| Officer G. Renty | 2W15 |

Patrol

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| Officer A. Placencia | 2X48 |
| Officer T. R. White | 2X48 |

Vice

Sergeant B. A. Mick
Officer R. E. Austin
Officer F. R. Willoughby

Scientific Investigation Division

Sergeant E. L. Smith
Officer E. T. Hocking

Latent Prints
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EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTER AND SECURITY AT PARKER CENTER

The following is a narrative of the activities at the Emergency Control Center (E.C.C.) and security measures taken at Parker Center on June 5, 1968, from 12:25 a.m. to June 6, 1968, at 2:30 p.m. The E.C.C. was activated in order to provide personnel and logistics to the field forces, to collect and disseminate information from field command posts, and to coordinate the activities of the Department. Security of Parker Center became essential in order to provide maximum protection for both Sirhan Sirhan and the E.C.C.

12:25 a.m.

While in the vicinity of Parker Center, en route home from a late meeting, Deputy Chief E. M. Davis learned of the assassination attempt on the life of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He immediately reported to the Business Office and assumed the duties of Department Commander. After being briefed on the situation by Captain W. O. Fudge, he telephoned Chief Reddin to apprise him of the shooting. Reddin advised him to dispatch Fudge to Central Receiving Hospital to assume command there.

Lieutenant W. E. Hogue, who was on an off-duty status at the Business Office, reported his availability to Deputy Chief Davis. Davis directed him to report to Central Receiving Hospital as his aide to relay information on the situation there.

Sergeant F. O. Ellis instructed Clerk Typist Madline Duddles to commence and maintain a "log of occurrences."

12:45 a.m.

Sergeant W. P. Lenocker was ordered by Deputy Chief Davis to activate the Emergency Control Center (E.C.C.) and to notify its commander, Captain W. G. Brown. Brown, upon being notified, immediately employed his "emergency call-up system" whereby he telephoned several key supervisors who in turn notified other assigned E.C.C. officers.

12:50 a.m.

The E.C.C. was activated and temporarily manned by Sergeant Lenocker, Officers M. S. Bach, J. H. Mooney, R. A. Nelson and C. R. Sanford. They remained on this assignment, in room 147, until relieved by the regularly-assigned E.C.C. personnel.

12:50 a.m.

Deputy Chief Davis ordered all "Response Units" to report to Rampart Station for assignment to the Field Task Force.

1:00 a.m.

Captain H. O. Mack, after learning of the shooting while off duty at his residence, reported to Detective Headquarters Division to assist if needed. As senior officer, he assumed command of Detective Headquarters. Shortly before Sirhan arrived at Parker Center from Rampart Station, Captain Mack organized the officers on duty on the third floor and completely sealed it off. He instructed his security force not to allow anyone on the third floor who was not connected with the investigation. News reporters attempting to gain entry via stairways or elevators were refused admittance.

1:15 a.m.

Upon learning of Sirhan's impending arrival at Parker Center from Rampart Station, Deputy Chief Davis ordered the Central Division Watch Commander, Lieutenant S. M. Stoffel, to provide security for Parker Center. Stoffel, aided by Sergeants F. O. Ellis and L. D. Zimmerman, deployed a skeleton crew of unassigned officers to the building's entrances. Zimmerman also contacted his five assigned vice officers and instructed them to report to Parker Center for security duty.

Officers assigned to guard the building's entrances were instructed to route all non-police personnel to the Los Angeles Street main entrance for clearance. Guards at the main entrance searched all non-police personnel for concealed weapons.

1:20 a.m.

Sirhan Sirhan, in custody of Sergeants W. C. Jordan, A. B. Melendres, F. J. Patchett and Officer F. R. Willoughby, arrived at Parker Center. Sirhan was taken to the freight elevator in the basement and up to the third floor, then to the squad room in Homicide Division.

Deputy Chief Davis instructed Inspector M. W. Howe to take personal charge of the security for Sirhan. Additionally, Inspector Howe was to isolate Sirhan in a jail cell as soon as possible.

1:20 a.m.

Venice Division Officers R. J. Gilmore and J. J. Robinson received a radio call directing them to transport Chief Reddin to Parker Center.

1:20 a.m.

Inspector D. H. Speck reported to Deputy Chief Davis in the E.C.C. and was assigned to obtain information relevant to the crime. These notations were to be used by Chief Reddin during a news release tentatively scheduled for 3:00 a.m.

1:30 a.m.

Sergeant D. N. Cooke arrived at Parker Center and immediately assumed the duties as the Department's Press Relations Officer. A short time later, after learning of Chief Reddin's impending press conference, Cooke established a "press pass" desk at the main entrance. At this time reporters were instructed to go to room 519 which is normally used as a press conference room. Before being allowed in the building, these news reporters were searched for weapons. Prior to Chief Reddin's news conference at 3:00 a.m., Sergeant Cooke issued a total of one hundred and twenty-seven temporary passes to accredited press representatives from various news agencies throughout the world.

1:30 a.m.

The first of fifteen officers normally assigned to the Emergency Control Center's "B" Watch reported for duty. Liaison was promptly established with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the California National Guard and the United States Army Intelligence. These agencies later provided liaison officers at the E.C.C.

1:40 a.m.

Arriving at Parker Center from Rampart Station, Inspector P. F.

Hagan went directly to the press conference room on the fifth floor. He noted the room was filled to capacity with news reporters while a number of others were crowded in the hallway. In order to accommodate all the newsmen, Hagan changed the location of the news conference to the auditorium on the first floor.

Prior to leaving Rampart Station to go to Parker Center, Inspector Hagan met with a group of newsmen who were causing a minor disturbance because they were not allowed to photograph Sirhan. Hagan, too, refused to allow them to interview or photograph Sirhan. He informed them that a news conference would be held at Parker Center later.

2:00 a.m.

Chief Reddin arrived at Parker Center and immediately went to the E.C.C. where he was briefed by Deputy Chief Davis.

2:10 a.m.

Deputy Chief J. G. Fisk arrived and reported his availability to Chief Reddin at the E.C.C. Chief Reddin immediately dispatched him to the Good Samaritan Hospital as an emissary of the Department to the Kennedy family.

2:45 a.m.

Captain L. R. Walton, Commander, Central Division, arrived and conferred with Lt. Stoffel regarding the security of Parker Center and the deployment of Central Division personnel. Noting a shortage of officers available to respond to normal radio calls, Walton ordered Stoffel to recall certain divisional off

duty personnel. A total of eleven officers and two sergeants were recalled to work. Upon reporting for work, these officers, under the supervision of Sergeant J. S. Miller, were assigned as "X" units to provide replacements for the depleted Central Division patrol force.

3:00 a.m.

Due to an extreme shortage of patrol units and a large backlog of radio calls, Lieutenant W. H. Byron, the E.C.C. Commander, initiated a "Tactical Alert" affecting all Patrol and Traffic Divisions.

3:00 a.m.

Chief Reddin held a news conference in the auditorium and discussed the following topics: (1) the number of times Senator Kennedy was shot; (2) the Senator's condition; (3) the names of three doctors attending the Senator; (4) the time Senator Kennedy was taken into the operating room; (5) the time of the shooting; (6) Senator Kennedy's refusal to have police security in the past; (7) the names of three other victims; (8) the make and caliber of Sirhan's gun; (9) the physical description of Sirhan; (10) the type of charge Sirhan was booked under; (11) the security and detention of Sirhan; (12) the time Sirhan was transferred from Rampart Station to Parker Center; (13) the names of the first persons who allegedly helped subdue Sirhan at the hotel; (14) that Sirhan's appearance was of Mid-Eastern extraction; (15) the name of Sergeant A. B. Melendres as being in charge of the interrogation of Sirhan; (16) the time Sirhan's

fingerprints were sent to Washington D.C. in an attempt to identify him; (17) Sirhan's booking as "John Doe"; (18) that there was no evidence of any other person involved other than Sirhan; (19) Sirhan's silence during the interrogation; (20) that there was no request by Sirhan for an attorney; (21) the time Sirhan's "mug" shots would be available for the press; (22) and the Department's "Tactical Alert."

3:45 a.m.

In hopes of identifying Sirhan through the news media, numerous Department-made photographs of him were distributed to press representatives by Inspector Hagan and Sergeant Cooke.

4:25 a.m.

All divisions were notified by the E.C.C. to allow the night watch patrol units, except those on special security details, to go "end of watch." Mid watch officers were not affected by this order.

5:00 a.m.

Central Division day watch officers were ordered by Captain Walton to report for duty to alleviate the burden in the depleted field forces.

6:35 a.m.

A teletype was sent to all Patrol and Traffic Watch Commanders from Lt. Byron, E.C.C. Commander, advising them to relieve all watches as normally scheduled except for officers assigned to special security details. The "Tactical Alert," city wide, was to remain in effect.

Captain Walton, desiring maximum deployment during Sirhan's expected arraignment, ordered all Central Division officers to remain on duty until Sirhan was in custody of the Sheriff's Department.

7:30 a.m.

Shortly after Sirhan was arraigned in Department 40 of the Hall of Justice, Chief Reddin held a second news conference. During this televised press release, Chief Reddin generally reiterated statements from his 3:00 a.m. press conference. Additionally, he announced that the "suspect" (Sirhan) had been arraigned shortly after 7:00 a.m. and that bail was set at \$250,000.

8:40 a.m.

Officers on security duty at Parker Center were relieved by Sergeant D. C. Cornell and nine other day watch Central Division officers. They were assigned to the building's entrances.

12:01 p.m.

The city-wide "Tactical Alert" was secured. The E.C.C., however, remained fully staffed and activated.

2:30 p.m.

Maximum security of Parker Center was secured. All officers assigned to this detail were relieved and instructed to resume their normal duties.

2:40 p.m.

Deputy Chief N. A. McQuown relieved Deputy Chief Davis and assumed his duties as Department Commander.

5:00 p.m.

Lieutenant C. J. Chapman, Van Nuys Division, notified the E.C.C. of a communique recieved from Major L. Ellis, California Air National Guard, advising him that should the situation require Federal troops, the Van Nuys Airport would be the primary landing and dispersal area for the initial U.S. Army troops from Colorado.

8:00 p.m.

Public inquiries regarding the Senator's condition became so numerous that a "Police Citizen's Information" switchboard was activated in Communications Division. Seven police recruits and three police student workers manned the eight telephones answering questions only as to the Senator's health as reported from the E.C.C. Other inquiries from the news media were referred to the E.C.C.'s Press Relations Officer.

June 6, 1968

5:30 a.m.

Deputy Chief D. F. Gates relieved Deputy Chief N. A. McQuown and assumed the duties as Department Commander.

11:45 a.m.

U.S. Army Intelligence Agent R. S. Hamilton, while at the E.C.C., received a telephone call from his office informing him that an unidentified male had been arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department for threatening to kill members of the Kennedy family.

Note: Investigation revealed that the above "suspect," William F. Crosson, had been arrested by Venice

Division officers, D. A. Schemenauer and O. P. Franklin for 647(f) P.C. (drunk). Crosson had made a remark earlier to a complaining witness that the Senator's airplane had been sabotaged and that he, Crosson, had to get to the Kennedy family to protect them.

2:30 p.m.

The Emergency Control Center (E.C.C.) was ordered deactivated by Deputy Chief Gates.

The following is a list of personnel who were assigned to the Emergency Control (E.C.C.) at various times from June 5, 1968, at 1:30 a.m. until June 6, 1968, at 2:30 p.m. During the thirty-seven hours that the E.C.C. was in operation, an average of eleven officers were on duty at any given time.

Information Services Division

Lieutenant G. E. Conroy
Lieutenant G. W. Lewis
Sergeant J. Halligan
Sergeant (P/W) G. D. Harber
Sergeant R. L. Kenney
Officer J. A. De Coup Crank
Officer D. E. Reid

Management Services Division

Captain W. G. Brown
Lieutenant W. H. Byron
Sergeant J. A. Gunn
Officer G. L. Avans
Officer D. G. Brath
Officer R. M. Parkas
Officer J. F. Kenady
Officer R. W. Molony
Officer A. W. Sjoquist
Officer D. W. Sprinkle
Officer D. C. Watson

Personnel Division

Lieutenant F. W. Borowitz
Lieutenant T. S. Jonoski
Lieutenant W. J. Riddle
Lieutenant M. R. Ward
Sergeant R. T. Allison
Sergeant E. E. Markley
Sergeant B. Vartanian

Public Affairs Division

Policewoman L. F. Chronister
Officer F. R. Evans
Officer G. K. Galewick
Officer R. F. Green
Officer R. Jauregui

Public Affairs Division (cont)

Officer A. J. Johnson
Officer D. G. Kringen
Officer C. M. Pryor
Officer R. L. Quint

Supply Division

Officer J. E. Dougherty
Officer R. J. Gillenberg
Officer R. J. Stanzell

Traffic Services Section

Officer F. A. Knepp
Officer B. Lewis

The following personnel, although not normally assigned to work in the E.C.C., were detailed to assist in this function during the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, until relieved by the regularly assigned personnel.

Accident Investigation Division

Unit

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Officer L. W. Altemueller | 12T53 |
| Officer M. S. Bach | 12T59 |
| Officer R. J. Brian | 12T53 |
| Officer J. L. Higgins | 3T34 |
| Officer J. H. Mooney | 3T34 |
| Officer R. A. Nelson | 6T35 |

Business Office Division

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Sergeant W. P. Lenocker | - |
| Officer C. R. Sanford | - |

Central Division

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| Sergeant R. J. Cynar | 1L40 |
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The following personnel provided the security at Parker Center at various times between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968.

Accident Investigation Division

| | <u>Unit</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Sergeant H. D. Bonar | T-10 |
| Officer M. S. Bach | 12T59 |
| Officer R. D. Chrisco | 12T59 |
| Officer R. L. Felix | 1T18 |
| Officer J. L. Higgins | 3T34 |
| Officer R. E. Kalstrom | 6T91 |
| Officer P. F. McConnel | 2T66 |
| Officer J. H. Mooney | 3T34 |
| Officer C. W. Scott | 2T66 |
| Officer J. W. Warford | 1T18 |

Business Office Division

Sergeant F. O. Ellis

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Central Division

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Captain L. R. Walton | Commander 1 |
| Lieutenant S. M. Stoffel | 2L10 |
| Sergeant T. W. Hooker | - |
| Sergeant R. S. Newell | - |
| Sergeant L. D. Zimmerman | 1V20 |
| Officer K. G. Baker | - |
| Officer F. J. Bielman | 1A47 |
| Officer C. W. Carrington | 1A47 |
| Officer L. J. Chancey | Vice |
| Officer B. Herrera | 1A75 |
| Officer M. R. Jackson | 1A75 |
| Officer N. D. Johnson | Vice |
| Officer A. R. Melendres | Vice |
| Officer R. L. Minich | Vice |
| Officer J. J. Santolla | 1B2 |
| Officer J. H. Smith | 1B2 |

Newton Street Division

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Sergeant K. N. Snelson | 13V20 |
| Officer D. Barker | 13Z3 |
| Officer D. C. Binger | Vice |
| Officer G. R. Currie | Vice |
| Officer B. J. Dunaway | 13Z2 |
| Officer F. G. Lewallen | 13A41 |

Newton Street Division (cont)

Officer L. W. McElrea
Officer J. T. Merritt
Officer D. E. Walter

Vice
13Z3
13Z2

North Hollywood Division

Officer S. E. McKim
Officer G. E. Hawes

15L73
15L78

Van Nuys Division

Officer J. D. Shust
Officer M. J. Thies
Officer H. J. Wilkerson

9L21
9L47
9L68

West Valley Division

Officer P. R. Bruno

10L55

The following Central Division off-duty officers were recalled to duty to assist in the security of Parker Center and/or to patrol the division as replacements for the depleted field forces.

Sergeant T. W. Hooker
Sergeant J. S. Miller
Officer J. Lopez
Officer R. D. Hill
Officer R. Hinrichs
Officer R. M. Lanphere
Officer R. Manrique
Officer J. J. Papac
Officer R. L. Reyez
Officer D. Rodriguez
Officer S. C. Schwartz
Officer B. C. Tedreck
Officer W. J. Van Dyck

TRANSFER OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S BODY FROM GOOD SAMARITAN
HOSPITAL TO THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On June 6, 1968, following the death of Senator Kennedy, security for the transfer of his body from the hospital to International Airport was arranged by the Secret Service and Intelligence Division.

Intelligence Division provided seven vehicles to transport members of the family.

The route from the hospital to the airport was as follows:

- Depart from Good Samaritan Hospital
- Southbound on Lucas to Seventh Street
- Eastbound on Seventh to Bixel
- Southbound on Bixel to the Harbor Freeway
- Southbound on the Harbor Freeway to the westbound Santa Monica Freeway
- Westbound on the Santa Monica Freeway to the southbound San Diego Freeway
- Southbound on the San Diego Freeway to Imperial Highway
- Westbound on Imperial Highway to the West Imperial Terminal of the airport.

A request was made by Darwin Horn of the Secret Service for escorts. Deputy Chief Daryl Gates approved the request and dispatched Sergeant W. M. Sherman, Traffic Services Division, to meet Sergeant P. C. Duncan and ten motor officers at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

In anticipation of security and crowd control problems, Sergeant F. W. Premo established a Command Post at the International Airport, West Terminal, 6661 West Imperial Highway.

At 10:30 a.m., Sergeant Sherman arrived at Good Samaritan Hospital. He learned there was to be two motorcades; the first transporting the Kennedy staff, and the second with the body of Senator Robert Kennedy and the Kennedy family. While preparations were being made for the motorcade, Frederick Dutton arrived at the hospital with seven civilian escort officers from the California Mortuary Service. He requested that the civilians escort the motorcade instead of the Los Angeles Police Department. Secret Service Agent Horn informed the civilian officers that they should not be involved in the motorcade.

Captain J. E. Stephens, Commander, Metropolitan Division, contacted Inspector Howe who gave instructions that the special officers were not to join, or escort the motorcade. All seven of the civilian escort officers, J. R. Valentine, A. J. Gaumont, D. P. Mitcham, C. Batista, C. Riggs, C. Dukes and C. Granger subsequently left the hospital.

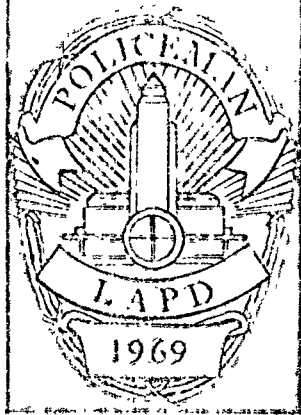
At 12:10 p.m., an unescorted motorcade containing the Kennedy staff left Good Samaritan Hospital for the International Airport. At 12:33 p.m., the second motorcade followed. Sergeant Sherman led the second motorcade in a marked police vehicle. Sergeant Sherman did not have the motorcade stop at red traffic signals for fear that spectators might interfere with the progress.

At the West Terminal two motor officers were assigned to the Terminal entrance and six motor officers to traffic control on Imperial Highway. Sergeant Zink assigned a squad of men along the chain link fence between "Air Force #2" and the Terminal building.

At 1:12 p.m., the motorcade arrived. At 1:30 p.m., "Air Force #2" was airborne returning the body of Robert Kennedy, the family and several others to New York City.

Total complement of officers was as follows:

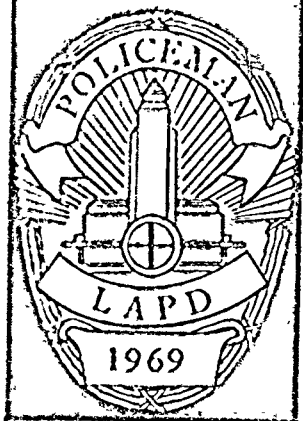
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| Venice Division | 2 Sergeants | 6 Officers |
| West Los Angeles Division | | 7 Officers |
| Traffic Enforcement Division | 1 Sergeant | 18 Officers |
| Traffic Services Division | 1 Sergeant | 1 Officer |
| Intelligence Division | 11 Sergeants | 1 Officer |
| Administrative Vice Division | 12 Sergeants | 2 Officers |
| Central Division | 1 Sergeant | 10 Officers |



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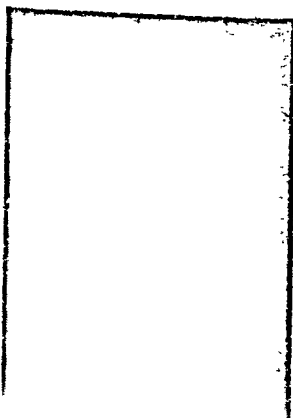
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CHAPTER IV

THE ASSASSIN

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Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was observed by several witnesses prior to the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. He was last seen in Pasadena by several ex-school friends at the Pasadena City College cafeteria. He was observed at various locations in and about the Embassy Ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel during the hours prior to the assassination, and he conversed with several of the witnesses.

Pasadena City College

Sirhan went to Bob's Big Boy Restaurant adjacent to Pasadena City College on Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena at 6:10 p.m. on June 4, 1968. He sat down at the counter next to Gaymoard Mistri, and the two talked about horses and the racetrack. Mistri reported to investigators that he and Sirhan had both been students together at P.C.C. in 1963. Mistri recalled that Sirhan referred to a headline on the June 4th edition of the Los Angeles "Herald Examiner" which read "Jordan-Israel Situation - Gunfire had again broken out." Sirhan stated to Mistri, "This is bad, this is terrible."

Sirhan paid for Mistri's coffee, and the two walked to the nearby P.C.C. cafeteria. They then joined some other mutual school acquaintances, Marof Badran, Abdo Milki and Anwar Sayegh. Sirhan and Sayegh discussed religion for a few minutes, and Sirhan told Sayegh that he was a Catholic. At 7:00 p.m., the others left to go to class and Sirhan and Mistri left the cafeteria.

In the parking lot of Bob's Restaurant, they talked about hunting and learning to shoot. Sirhan showed Mistri a piece of metal which he was holding in his hand. Mistri thought the metal was a slug from a gun. At 7:15 p.m., Sirhan asked Mistri if he wanted to shoot some pool. Mistri told Sirhan that he could not, and both got into their own vehicles and left the parking lot. The witnesses reported that Sirhan appeared normal and very friendly and that they noticed nothing odd about him.

The Ambassador Hotel

At approximately 8:45 p.m., Hans Bidstrup, an electrician, was working in the electrician's booth adjacent to the Venetian Room in the hotel. A man, whom Bidstrup described as Sirhan, entered the booth and began a conversation. Sirhan held a glass containing a milky-looking liquid. Sirhan stated to Bidstrup, "Are you a Democrat?" When Bidstrup nodded, Sirhan extended his hand and said, "Shake hands with another Democrat."

Sirhan and Bidstrup conversed for several minutes, and Sirhan asked Bidstrup if he had ever seen Kennedy. Bidstrup's first impression of Sirhan was that Sirhan was half-drunk because he was so talkative. However, he later thought that perhaps Sirhan was not drunk. He stated that he probably only thought he was drunk because he was holding a drink. Bidstrup recalled that Sirhan spoke to a fireman who was standing near the electrician's booth; he did not overhear the conversation. Investigators were unable to determine the identity of the fireman.

Humphrey Cordero and Enrique Rabago

Between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Cordero and Rabago were at the victory party for Robert Kennedy. They had come to the hotel together but had become separated, and Rabago was standing at the entrance to the Palm Court Room of the hotel. He encountered an individual, whom he later identified as Sirhan. They had a short conversation and were soon joined by Cordero. Prior to Cordero's arrival Rabago asked Sirhan, "Are we going to win?" Sirhan said, "I think we're going to win." When Rabago expressed concern about McCarthy being ahead, Sirhan said, "Don't worry about him if he doesn't win; that son of a bitch. He's a millionaire and he doesn't need to win. He just wants to go to the White House, but even if he wins he's not going to do anything for you or for any of the poor people."

During the conversation Sirhan referred to Kennedy, "Kennedy did not care about any poor people and merely sought to gain the presidency for personal reasons." He further stated that Kennedy was going to buy the presidency.

When Cordero suggested that they go back into the hotel, Rabago hesitated because they both were wearing casual clothes. Cordero asked Sirhan what he thought of Rabago's apprehensions; Sirhan stated, "Why shouldn't we go in there, we are voters; we're putting them in office."

Sirhan then told Cordero and Rabago that he had just come from the Rafferty Campaign Room where the hostess had "looked down at him" because of his attire. Sirhan related to Cordero that

he paid for a drink there with a \$20 bill and left the change. He told Cordero, "They were all smiles then; it's not what you look like, it's what you have got."

Cordero told investigators that Sirhan appeared very aggravated by the way rich people acted toward him. Both Rabago and Cordero left the hotel at 10:15 p.m. They last saw Sirhan at about 9:30 p.m. and did not see him speaking to anyone else.

Mary Grohs

Sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Mary Grohs, a Western Union Telex operator, was working in the Colonial Room. She was seated at the Telex machine when a man began looking over her shoulder. He appeared very intense and his attention was concentrated on the material that was being sent. She advised him that the Kennedy teletype machine was further down the line. He walked away without saying anything. Although the man was standing near her she did not notice an odor of alcohol or see him carrying a glass.

A few minutes after the shooting the police brought Sirhan past Grohs. When she saw him she screamed, "That's the man I talked to!" She said that Sirhan looked at her and "he knew that I knew, he was the man I had spoken to earlier." Grohs positively identified Sirhan as the man she had seen earlier by the machine.

Gonzalo Cetina

At approximately 10 p.m., Sirhan approached a waiter, Gonzalo Cetina, who was working at the service bar in the Palm Court Room. Sirhan commented, "It's sure crowded in here," and asked

Cetina, "would you hold my drink?" Cetina described the drink as a clear liquid in a Tom Collins glass. Sirhan asked Cetina if he could take one of the folding chairs stacked nearby. Cetina said, "Yes," and he went back to his duties. He did not see Sirhan again. Cetina was positive in his identification of Sirhan as the man he had spoken to.

Judy Royer

Witness Royer arrived at the hotel at approximately 4:00 p.m. She was working on the Kennedy staff. During the evening she checked the pantry and kitchen area to clear it of persons who didn't belong. Royer had been told that Kennedy would be going to the Colonial Room after his speech in the Embassy Room.

She stated that she asked Sirhan to leave the pantry twice during the evening. The last place she saw him before the shooting was as he was leaving the anteroom. She did not recall that Sirhan spoke to her when she asked him to leave. She checked the kitchen area about twice an hour for three hours prior to the shooting.

Robert Klase

Klase was standing in the kitchen area at about 11:00 p.m., after attempting to get into the Embassy Room through the main entrance. He had been refused admittance by a guard and was attempting to enter through the kitchen.

As he stood in the anteroom, near some television equipment, a man who was monitoring a television set asked him to watch a nearby door. As Klase was watching the door, Sirhan attempted

to enter the room. Klase tapped Sirhan on the shoulder and said that no one was allowed in the area other than members of the ABC staff. Sirhan turned around and went back into the Embassy Room.

Klase watched the Kennedy victory speech on a television in the Colonial Room. He and Judy Royer passed through the kitchen when they went to the Colonial Room but they did not see Sirhan. Klase recognized Sirhan when he saw the police taking him away.

Jesus Perez

Perez was a kitchen helper at the hotel the night of the shooting. Sometime between 11:30 p.m. and midnight on the 4th, Sirhan was in the kitchen area with several other people. Perez stated that several times Sirhan asked the kitchen help, "Is Mr. Kennedy coming this way?" Perez told him that he didn't know. He said that Sirhan appeared to be just standing around as everyone else was. He noticed that Sirhan did have some type of papers in his hands and that he was folding them or twisting them in such a way that it gave him the impression that Sirhan was nervous.

About 20 minutes later, after Kennedy had just completed his speech, Perez awaited the Senator as he walked through the kitchen. Perez had just let go of Kennedy's hand when he heard the shots and saw the struggle with Sirhan begin.

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Initial Reaction of The Crowd

Instantly after the shooting, members of the crowd recovered from their immediate shock and rushed at Sirhan. The events described below reflect statements of the individuals present in the kitchen area immediately after the shooting.

Karl Uecker grabbed Sirhan around the body and struck at his hand. He observed another person hitting Sirhan on the head. Joseph LaHive helped tackle Sirhan then twisted and pulled his leg onto the steam table. Kilbert Dun Gifford held Sirhan by the neck. A later photograph shows Gifford striking Sirhan in the head with his fist.

Gabor Kadar saw two men struggling with Sirhan; he jumped upon the steam table and struck Sirhan in the knee and chest. He also attempted to dislodge the gun from his hand by slamming it against the metal table. Roosevelt Grier wrenched the gun from Sirhan's hand and pinned him against the top of the table. Karl Uecker observed members of the crowd hitting Sirhan and told them to stop. Sirhan was held in this manner awaiting the arrival of the police.

At 12:21 a.m., an "Ambulance Shooting" call was broadcast to all units in the vicinity of 3400 Wilshire Boulevard. Officers Travis R. White and Arthur Placencia were the first to reach the scene. Upon arrival they observed Sirhan Sirhan lying face down on a serving table. Roosevelt Grier, a Los Angeles Ram football player, was lying on Sirhan's legs.

Karl Uecker, hotel maitre d', was lying across Sirhan's back. Jesse Unruh, speaker of the California Assembly, was assisting by keeping back the angry crowd. The officers reported that it was necessary to physically remove Grier, Uecker and Unruh from Sirhan prior to taking him into custody.

Reinforced and aided by Officers Michael Livesey, Willie Nunley and Walter Strickel, White was able to handcuff Sirhan who offered no resistance. They then forced their way through the hostile crowd with Sirhan. Muriel Lee watched the officers lead Sirhan through the Colonial Room and struck him on the head with her purse. As the officers moved toward the lobby, Officers Sanford Hansen and Daniel Jensen arrived and assisted them to the police vehicle.

Officers stated that Jesse Unruh maintained his role of protector and shouted to the crowd, "This one is going to face trial. Nothing is going to happen to him. He is going to pay. We aren't going to have another Dallas." Unruh followed the officers to the police vehicle and insisted on accompanying Sirhan to the station.

Sirhan was placed in the right rear seat of the vehicle; Officer Placencia sat in the left rear behind Officer White, the driver. Jesse Unruh sat in the right front passenger seat.

En route to the station Sirhan appeared relaxed. Officer Placencia then advised Sirhan of his constitutional rights. Except for a "Yes" answer, when asked if he understood his rights

to remain silent, Sirhan acknowledged his rights only by nods punctuated by occasional mumbles.

The only other remark made by Sirhan in the police vehicle was when Unruh asked him, "Why did you shoot him?" Sirhan replied, "You think I'm crazy, so you can use it as evidence against me." At this time, Officer Placencia used his flashlight to test Sirhan's eyes for pupil reaction to light and observed that the pupils were dilated. Placencia did not complete the test by making a comparison check of anyone else in the vehicle. Placencia had two month's field experience at the time.

Rampart Station

Upon arrival at Rampart Station, Sirhan was placed in the breathalyzer room and then moved into interrogation room "B". Officer White searched Sirhan in Placencia's and Unruh's presence. Officer White found two .22 caliber cartridges; one twenty-two caliber bullet; a comb; four one-hundred dollar bills; one five dollar bill; four one dollar bills; one dollar and sixty-six cents in change; and, three pieces of printed matter. The first piece of printed material, an article by David Lawrence from the Pasadena Independent Star News, dealt with Senator Kennedy's views on the Arab-Israel controversy. According to the article, Senator Kennedy was very critical of the Arabs and supported the Israel stand. The second contained a poem or song concerning Senator Kennedy. The third article appeared to be a newspaper advertisement inviting friends of Senator Kennedy to attend a rally at the Ambassador Hotel on Sunday, June 2, 1968.