

under the skin. Dr. Ravello called in a surgeon, Dr. John T. Garner, who diagnosed the injury as superficial. The bullet was removed in an operation at 1:10 p.m., June 5, 1968; Nurses Mary Trotter and Rita Coveny assisted.

Irwin Stroll

Irwin Stroll, Kennedy worker and student, was a sentry at the door leading from the anteroom to the Embassy Room. At the conclusion of the speech, Stroll watched Senator Kennedy exit through the curtains at the rear of the podium. He observed the Senator walking through the anteroom toward the pantry in company with Jesse Unruh. Stroll followed the procession into the pantry where they paused. As the crowd started forward, he heard six "firecrackers" and observed smoke. Then he felt a pain in his left leg as if he had been kicked. He walked to the Embassy Room and enroute was being pushed and shoved by the crowd. When Stroll reached the Embassy Room he noticed blood on his left leg. Barbara Murray, a housewife, stood in the pantry six feet from the double doors as the shots were fired. She heard four or five shots, observed Stroll hopping around yelling, "I've been shot." "I've been shot." Murray embraced him trying to assist and Stroll pushed her away turning toward the anteroom, where she observed him exit the pantry.

Stroll was examined at the scene by Dr. Ross M. Miller who determined that the injury was not serious. Stroll was admitted to Central Receiving Hospital at 12:56 a.m. and treated for a bullet wound of the left shin. He was discharged at 1:10 a.m., in the custody of his mother who had previously contacted Dr. Nathan Lewis Cozen.

Stroll was transferred to Midway Hospital, 5925 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles. Dr. Cozen arrived at the hospital at 1:30 a.m. and examined Stroll. Stroll appeared very excited and complained about his left leg. There was bleeding from the wound located in the mid-third of the lower leg. The leg was swollen and tender. X-rays showed there was metallic-formed body imbedded in the calf next to the bone.

Dr. Cozen, assisted by Dr. Sherwood Finebert, performed the operation and removed the bullet. The bullet was flattened, deformed, and its caliber could not be determined. In the doctor's opinion the bullet appeared to have ricocheted from the floor. The assisting nurses in the operation were Bertha Green and John Brown.

Ira Marc Goldstein

Ira Goldstein, Continental News Service reporter, was in the pantry and observed Senator Kennedy enter. Goldstein intended to shake hands but he was unable to because Kennedy was moving too quickly. Goldstein proceeded four or five feet toward the anteroom. He heard what sounded like balloons breaking. Within moments he looked down and saw Schrade on the floor. Goldstein then stepped over Schrade and felt something strike his pants. He later discovered that a bullet had passed through his left pant leg. He then felt a bullet strike him in the area of the left buttocks. The first bullet that passed through Goldstein's pants struck the concrete floor and entered victim Irwin Stroll's left leg. Goldstein remained in a chair until medical aid arrived.

Valerie Schulte, a "Kennedy Girl," was sitting on the floor next to Goldstein. She had crawled past Schrade after being knocked down. Schulte observed Goldstein as he spoke to Ethel Kennedy. Goldstein asked, "How is the Senator?" Ethel Kennedy replied, "How dare you talk about my husband," and then slapped Goldstein. Goldstein stated, "Listen, lady, I've been shot too." Mrs. Kennedy replied, "I'm sorry." Larry Jackson had observed Goldstein fall to the floor and went to his aid. He picked Goldstein up and assisted him to a chair.

Goldstein received emergency treatment for a gunshot wound of the left buttocks area at Central Receiving Hospital and was transferred to Encino Hospital, 16237 Ventura Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Dr. Eugene Gettleman, the family physician, examined Goldstein at 3 a.m. The patient's condition was good, and there were no signs of shock or hemorrhage. The bullet was in the left buttocks area and about three inches from the point of entry. Dr. Max Finkel took X-rays that showed no bone, arterial or nerve damage. A deformed bullet was removed and marked with an "X" by Dr. Finkel. Dr. Finkel stated he had performed many operations on gunshot wounds, and the bullet obviously was a .22 caliber. The nurse assisting in the surgery was Helen Powers, R.N.



Paul Schrade
43-year-old union official
scalp wound



William Weisel
30-year-old news director
shot in left side



Elizabeth Evans
42-year-old business woman
scalp wound



Irwin Stroll
17-year-old student
shot in shin



Ira Goldstein
19-year-old reporter
shot in buttocks

POLICE PARTICIPATION

POLICE PARTICIPATION AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL

The following is a chronology of the events and activities at the Ambassador Hotel resulting from the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968.

12:06 a.m.

Officers G. W. Blishak and R. J. Velasquez received a completely unrelated radio call to see the special officer at the rear of the Ambassador Hotel, regarding illegally parked vehicles. At this location they were met by Security Guards C. M. Grugan and J. Rothberg who conversed with them regarding these vehicles.

12:17 a.m.

Rampart Division Desk Officer H. L. Schiller received a telephone call from an unknown person who wanted to talk to the watch commander. Sergeant R. M. Rolon accepted the call for Lieutenant R. K. Sillings. The caller, a male, stated Kennedy had just been shot. Sillings was immediately notified. Sillings ordered the Rampart Vice supervisor, Sergeant S. S. Locker, to act as the watch commander while he and Rolon investigated the call.

12:17 a.m.

Officer G. W. Hathaway, Communications Division officer assigned to the complaint board, received a call from L. M. Butler, an Ambassador Hotel switchboard operator. Two minutes of conversation were consumed while Hathaway attempted to determine from her what type of crime, if any, had occurred. Ruby F. Ford, the Ambassador Hotel switchboard supervisor, then talked to Hathaway for approximately one minute informing him the Senator had been shot. (A tape recording of this conversation automatically

recorded at Communications Division, was booked as evidence.)

12:19 a.m.

Officer T. E. Nordin, Communications Division, received a telephone call from Norma Case, the switchboard operator at Central Receiving Hospital. She reported that an "injury" had occurred in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel. This injury call was assigned to Sgt. P. Sharaga at 12:20 a.m., as no other Rampart Division units were clear.

12:19 a.m.

Officer S. H. Lind, Communications Division, received a telephone call from John Allen, a newsman at the Ambassador Hotel. Allen stated that there had been a shooting there and he thought Senator Kennedy was the victim.

12:20 a.m.

Officer Lind telephoned Central Receiving Hospital and notified Norma Case, the switchboard operator, of the shooting. Norma Case informed Lind that she had already dispatched an ambulance to that location on an "injury" call.

12:20 a.m.

Officer M. Candlish, Communications Division Link operator, received the shooting information from Officer Hathaway. Candlish immediately broadcast this emergency message to all units in the vicinity and Unit 2A68 (Blishak and Velasquez).

12:21 a.m.

Officer Velasquez and his partner, while conversing with the

Hotel guards regarding the illegally parked vehicles, were notified by several persons of the shooting. Both officers ran upstairs to the Embassy Ballroom and observed Elizabeth Evans bleeding from a head wound. Velasquez ran back to his vehicle to request an ambulance. Arriving at his police vehicle, Velasquez heard the radio dispatcher assign his unit the shooting call at the hotel. Velasquez acknowledged the call informing Communications that he was at the scene. He also requested "assistance and an ambulance."

12:22 a.m.

Officers T. R. White and A. Placencia arrived at the hotel in response to the call. They were informed by one of two motorcycle special officers that one of the shooting victims was in a taxicab. Special officers informed White and Placencia that they were escorting the taxi to the hospital. Officer White parked his vehicle directly in front of the main entrance to the hotel.

12:22 a.m.

Metropolitan Division Officers M. G. Livesey, W. A. Strickel, and W. Nunley arrived at the hotel and parked behind Officer White's vehicle.

Arrest of Sirhan

The time between 12:22 a.m. and 12:28 a.m., taken out of time context in the following paragraphs, denotes the sequence of events leading to the actual arrest of Sirhan B. Sirhan by the Los Angeles Police Department.

12:22 a.m.

Officers White, Placencia, Livesey, Strickel and Nunley alighted from their respective vehicles and were directed by several unknown persons to follow them.

The officers were led to the ramp south of the main entrance through a maze of short hallways and up a stairway leading into the kitchen area.

As they reached the top of the stairway, Livesey, Strickel and Nunley, in that order, turned to their left, ran through the staff dining room and into the pantry serving area where they observed Senator Kennedy lying on the floor. They immediately attempted to locate the suspect. At this time they observed a commotion at the east end of the room. They started forcing their way to the area of the disturbance. Their progress was hampered considerably by the large crowd of people in this small area.

In the meantime Officers White and Placencia, who had been following the first three officers, turned to their right at the top of the stairs. Both ran east, then south through a doorway which led into the pantry serving area.

White entered the pantry serving area and observed numerous persons crowded around the serving table nearest the east wall. Others were standing on top of the three steel tables. As White pushed his way through the crowd, he observed Sirhan lying on his stomach in a prone position on the top of the east-end table.

Karl Uecker was holding Sirhan's head in headlock. Roosevelt Grier was lying across his legs. Still another male was observed lying diagonally across Sirhan's back. Jesse Unruh, who was also on top of the table, had one knee on Sirhan's back. A male in the crowd yelled to Officer White, "Quick, he's trying to kill him."

White and Placencia, joined by the other three officers, began pushing their way towards Sirhan. They forcibly removed numerous persons from Sirhan. Grier had to be pulled and pushed away from Sirhan's legs twice by Officer White.

Jesse Unruh, still on top of the table, kept yelling, "This one's going to stand trial. No one's going to kill him."

Officer White managed to free Sirhan's right arm from the grasp of the crowd. Officer Nunley handed Officer White his handcuffs. Together they succeeded in handcuffing Sirhan's right wrist. Both officers gained control of Sirhan's left wrist and finished the handcuffing procedure.

Sirhan, with his hands behind his back, was pulled off of the table by the two officers. Livesey, Strickel and Placencia meanwhile were occupied trying to keep the hysterical and combative crowd away from Sirhan and the other two officers.

White, in a loud voice, instructed the other officers to get Sirhan out of the room. Unruh, who by this time had gotten off the table, moved toward the officers. White, fearing for the prisoner's safety and not knowing who Jesse Unruh was or what his intentions were, pushed him away.

Again White yelled to the other officers, "Let's get him out of here." Unruh came out of the crowd again, grabbed White by the right shoulder and shouted, "You're not taking him anyplace." Officer White forced Unruh back a second time. Unruh fell backwards into the crowd. Almost immediately, Unruh got back on his feet and lunged at the officers as they started walking toward the Colonial Room. He grabbed Sirhan by the neck and stated, "Okay, you can take him, but I'm going with you."

Officer Placencia moved into the crowd which was blocking the exit and attempted to clear a path; however, as soon as he moved the crowd in front of him, others would close in between him and the other officers. Placencia was assisted in the path-clearing task by the other officers who were not actually holding on to Sirhan.

Frank Burns, an attorney, led the officers through the swinging doors and into the Colonial Room.

As the officers reached the north exit of the Colonial Room, they were met by a large crowd blocking the doorway. Another group from the pantry converged on the officers from behind.

Officers D. Jensen and S. S. Hansen, who had arrived at the hotel shortly after the first five officers, were led to the pantry area by two unknown males.

Hansen observed the other officers at the east end of the pantry. He worked his way toward them between the wall and the steel tables. This was the least congested area. He

heard Jesse Unruh yell, "This is the bastard that shot Kennedy." As the officers with Sirhan started out of the pantry area, Hansen, who was behind them, began pulling and pushing people away from the officers and their prisoner.

Officer Jensen, who had taken the crowded route in front of the steel tables, had to fight his way toward Sirhan.

As the first five officers exited the Colonial Room with Sirhan, they were joined by Hansen and Jensen. All seven officers formed a tight circle around Sirhan and Jesse Unruh. They proceeded at a fast pace eastbound to the lobby, then north to the spiral stairway, reaching the bottom of the stairs. They continued walking at a fast rate northbound through the Casino Level hallway, then west to the main entrance.

During the walk through the hallway, the officers were subjected to physical abuse by numerous persons who had lined both sides of the hallway. Physical blows, probably intended for Sirhan were absorbed or deflected by the officers. As they exited the front door of the hotel, the officers again were met by a large hostile crowd. Numerous persons were attempting to get to Sirhan and were striking at him with their fists. The officers hurriedly walked Sirhan toward Officer White's police vehicle which he had parked directly in front of the main entrance.

When they reached the police vehicle, the hostile crowd surged towards the officers and completely surrounded them. While the

officers were attempting to open the right rear door of the vehicle, the crowd became more antagonistic and began striking at the officers and Sirhan.

Deputy Sheriffs R. G. Hussey and F. H. Linley were part of a group of deputies assigned to guard ballots which were being computed at the IBM Building, next door to the Ambassador Hotel. Upon learning of the shooting, both deputies ran to the hotel's main entrance to aid the arresting officers. They helped push people away from the police vehicle and officers.

Sergeants W. C. Swihart and J. Feinberg and Officers C. C. Craig and A. D. Bollinger, responding to the call, drove to the main entrance and assisted the arresting officers.

After the police vehicle door was opened, Sirhan was placed in the back seat. Officer Placencia ran around to the left side of the vehicle and entered the back seat with Sirhan. Officer White went to the driver's side, entered and started the motor. Jesse Unruh, without permission, sat in the right front passenger seat.

Officer White attempted to drive away but was prevented by the crowd. The crowd refused to move. The remaining officers and deputy sheriffs began clearing a path for the vehicle. White turned on the siren and moved the vehicle forward until a path was clear to leave. He then sped away. White then notified Communications that they were en route to the station with the suspect. That message was received by Communications Division at 12:28 a.m.

After leaving the Ambassador Hotel grounds at the Wilshire Boulevard exit, Officer White drove north on Alexandria Avenue to 6th Street, eastbound on 6th Street to Occidental, north on Occidental to 3rd Street, east on 3rd Street to Benton Way and north on Benton Way to the Rampart Police Station at 2710 Temple Street.

En route to the station, Officer White notified Communications a second time of their pending arrival with the suspect. That message was received by Communications at 12:31 a.m.

Also en route to the station, Officer Placencia advised Sirhan of his constitutional rights by reading the information from his field notebook. Shortly after Sirhan was admonished of his rights, Jesse Unruh asked him why he had shot Senator Kennedy. Sirhan replied, "You think I'm crazy so that you can use it as evidence against me?"

While sitting in the back seat, Placencia checked the reaction of Sirhan's eyes with a flashlight. Placencia, who eighteen days earlier had graduated from the Police Academy, informed Officer White that he thought Sirhan was under the "influence of something." Placencia had reached this conclusion without properly conducting the test in its entirety. He had not made a comparison test with the eyes of a person whose reaction was normal.

Arriving at Rampart Station, White drove into the lower parking lot. Sirhan was taken from the vehicle and into the station via the southside basement door. He was then taken upstairs and

placed in the Breathalyzer room on the first floor. Jesse Unruh and Officer Placencia remained with Sirhan while Officer White went to the watch commander's office to inform him of the arrest and to obtain the key to the detective office.

White returned to the Breathalyzer room, removed Sirhan from that location and placed him in an interview room in the detective squad area. Unruh followed and also went into this room. Sgt. J. S. Locker requested Unruh to leave the interview room. Unruh left the room and stated, "I want that man alive. He must stand trial." Sgt. Locker instructed White and Placencia to remain with Sirhan and not to allow anyone near him.

Officer White removed all the property from Sirhan's person and placed it on a table. White also checked Sirhan's eyes for reaction by using his flashlight. White then checked Officer Placencia's eyes for comparison. At this time White, a more experienced officer, concluded that Sirhan's eyes were normal.

Officers F. R. Willoughby and R. E. Austin took over custody of Sirhan so that White and Placencia could begin writing their reports.

Return to Chronology of Events

12:23 a.m.

Sgt. P. Sharaga was driving eastbound on 8th Street behind the hotel when the original shooting call was broadcast. He drove into the north rear parking lot. After determining the validity of the call, he immediately established a Command Post.

After learning from an unknown person that the Senator was the victim of the shooting, Sgt. Sharaga broadcast the following message at 12:23.50: "2L30 reporting that Senator Kennedy has been shot at the Ambassador. Make notifications."

Donna Rush, Communications radio position operator, noted this information from Sharaga on Message Log #13-28. She gave the ticket to the dispatcher, Officer M. Candlish. Candlish in turn gave it to a telephone operator who notified Sgt. D. D. Varney, Detective Headquarters, and the Business Office.

12:23 a.m.

Captain P. J. Bratsch, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was in charge of security of the ballots being computed at the IBM Building next door to the Ambassador Hotel. He dispatched Sergeants D. M. Hogthrop, J. C. Barber and R. E. Lindblom with a detail of nine deputies to assist the Los Angeles Police Department at the hotel.

Sergeant Hogthrop and three deputies ran to the front entrance. He instructed two of his deputies to stop all persons from leaving the hotel in case the suspect was not in custody. Hogthrop noticed the traffic in front of the hotel was causing a problem for ingress and egress routes and notified Captain Bratsch. He also instructed a deputy to drive the Sheriff's bus to Wilshire Boulevard and use it as a barricade to divert traffic from the hotel.

Sergeant Lindblom, with Deputies G. Barrett and T. A. Beringer, went to the rear of the hotel where they met with Sgt. P.

Sharaga at the Command Post. After offering his assistance, Sgt. Lindblom was asked to station his men at the rear exits of the hotel and to allow no one in or out. His detail was later reinforced by additional deputies. Sergeant Barber assigned Deputy D. Shaw and two other deputies to clear traffic at the hotel's Wilshire Boulevard entrance so emergency vehicles could enter and leave.

12:25 a.m.

Lieutenant R. K. Sillings notified Communications via his police radio that he was en route to 3400 Wilshire Boulevard.

12:26 a.m. to 12:27 a.m.

The following fourteen officers notified Communications that they were responding to the "all units" call at the Ambassador: V. T. Karalekas, T. W. Duehring, P. G. Metoyer, R. B. Adair, J. J. Fedrizzi, L. L. De Losh, G. Ruiz, H. G. Dublin, J. D. Hayden and R. G. Gould, S. V. Ebbert, L. L. Estrada, G. E. Foster and J. T. Weinbeck.

12:26 a.m.

Sgt. Sharaga requested all available units to meet him in the rear parking lot of the hotel.

12:26 a.m.

Lieutenant W. F. Bornhoeft, Metropolitan Division watch commander, dispatched all available Metropolitan officers to the hotel on the request of Lt. R. Tackaberry.

12:27.40 a.m.

Sergeant W. C. Swihart broadcast the following message to

Communications Division:

"70-Boy, we are at the rear of the Ambassador, and they have just taken the suspect, and there's a hell of a crowd forming trying to rescue the prisoner."

12:28 a.m.

Sergeant Sharaga gave Communications the description of a suspect given to him by an unknown person who claimed to be a witness. His broadcast was as follows: (See 1:44 a.m. entry for further information regarding this broadcast.)

"2L30, description of a suspect in the shooting at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, male Caucasian, 20 to 22, 6' to 6'2", built thin, blond curly hair, wearing brown pants and a light brown shirt, direction taken unknown at this time."

12:28 a.m.

Senator Kennedy was removed from the hotel on a stretcher by ambulance attendants R. Hulsman and Max Behrman. The ambulance was parked between the front entrance and the ramp. As the attendants moved toward the rear of the ambulance, they were hindered by a large crowd. Sgts. Swihart and Feinberg, Officers Jensen, Nunley, Craig, Bollinger, D. Krieger, and R. B. Pickard assisted the attendants by forcing the crowd away from the ambulance.

After the Senator was placed inside the ambulance, Hulsman was prevented from closing the doors by the crowd. Hulsman was forced to remove some unauthorized persons from the ambulance in order to close the doors.

12:28 a.m.

Officer Hansen ran to his vehicle and broadcast the following message to Communications Division:

"7A42, advise all units in the area be aware there was a shooting at the Ambassador Hotel. Also Bob Kennedy shot, suspect in custody. All precautions should be taken for the security of the suspect and for Bob Kennedy."

12:28 a.m.

Officers J. J. Fedrizzi and L. E. De Losh were informed by Andrea Bush, Richard Bush and Richard Ritter that they had seen a male and a female run from the hotel after the shooting. De Losh immediately requested Communications Division to "seal off the area." He then broadcast the description of the suspects as given to him by these three persons:

"No. 1, male Latin, 30 to 35, 5-9½, stocky, wearing a wool hunter's hat with a small brim. No. 2, described as a female Caucasian. No further description."

12:28 a.m.

Officer White advised Communications Division that he and Placencia were en route to Rampart Station with Sirhan.

12:29 a.m.

Sergeant Sharaga repeated the description of the suspect that he had broadcast at 12:28 because Communications Division had not received the first transmission.

12:30 a.m.

Lieutenant R. Tackaberry, anticipating a crowd control problem

at Central Receiving Hospital, ordered Sergeants Swihart, Feinberg and ten officers to go there. Tackaberry also departed for the hospital in order to supervise the security.

Various Kennedy family and staff members solicited and received transportation from officers going to Central Receiving Hospital. Sergeants Swihart and Feinberg took several staff members to that location. Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Salinger and two other persons went with Officers Pickard and Krieger. Officers Hansen and Jensen transported a woman who was identified to them as a relative of the Senator's.

12:30 a.m.

Officer J. M. Steele was assigned to record all pertinent information at the Command Post.

12:31 a.m.

Officer Hansen requested two additional ambulances at the hotel. He informed Communications Division that there were still others in need of medical assistance.

12:34 a.m.

Officer Blishak requested an ambulance at the rear of the hotel.

Officers Craig and Bollinger notified Communications Division to cancel the request for ambulances as there were private ambulances (Goodhew) at the scene.

12:35 a.m.

Blishak informed Communications Division not to cancel his request for an ambulance as there were victims still lying on the floor.

12:36 a.m.

While in the Embassy Ballroom, Blishak solicited information from various people attempting to obtain a description of the "suspect." An unknown male described Sirhan and informed Blishak that he had been taken into custody. Blishak immediately went to his vehicle and requested an ambulance through Communications Division. He then broadcast the following message:

"2A68, regarding the shooting at the Ambassador, witness stated the suspect is a male Latin, 25 to 26, 5-5, light build, dark bushy hair and dark eyes. Wearing blue levis, blue jacket, blue tennis shoes. It is unknown whether this suspect is in custody. Request you broadcast that it is unknown if this suspect is in custody. Suspect used a pistol."

12:37 a.m.

Lieutenant R. K. Sillings, Sergeants J. D. Jones, and R. M. Rolon arrived at the Command Post. They were briefed on the situation by Sgt. Sharaga.

Sillings instructed Sharaga to establish a security perimeter around the hotel. Persons and vehicles attempting to leave were to be discouraged from doing so. Sharaga assigned Officers A. D. Bollinger, H. G. Dublin, G. Ruiz, V. T. Karalekas, V. E. Edwards, E. W. Crosthwaite, T. W. Duehring, and C. A. Wright to the hotel's parking lots and street exits.

Sillings instructed Rolon and Jones to take seven officers to the Embassy Ballroom and secure the crime scene. He also informed them that Roosevelt Grier reportedly was at the scene of the

shooting in possession of Sirhan's gun.

The squad consisted of Officers G. E. Foster, J. T. Weinbeck, J. L. Wilson, K. E. Vogl, R. J. Velasquez, C. A. Brewer and J. W. Grogan. The latter two were plainclothes officers. As these officers entered the hotel, they observed the numerous persons in the lobby in various emotional states. Some were crying, others screaming and still others fainting. Newsmen and their equipment seemed to be everywhere.

Sergeant Jones, in search of Roosevelt Grier, forced his way through the hysterical crowd into the kitchen. Upon entering the pantry serving area, Jones observed bloody rags and other pieces of possible evidential value on the floor. He and several other officers tried to protect the scene but were unable because of the large surging crowd.

Jones reached the Embassy Ballroom entrance via the pantry area and noticed an address system on the stage. He made a plea for all witnesses to report to the podium. He also assigned three of the uniformed officers to stay near the stage to take names of witnesses. The remaining three officers were instructed to clear the crime scene of all unauthorized persons. Due to the size of the crowd, these three officers were unable to move the people from the pantry area. They were hampered by television newsmen who refused to leave. Jones radioed the Command Post for additional help.

Plainclothes Officers A. L. Lamoreaux and C. W. Zachary reported to the Command Post. They were instructed to mingle with the

people inside the hotel and act as an intelligence unit.

Sergeant Rolon stationed several hotel security officers near the Embassy Ballroom. He assigned them to assist the officers at the crime scene.

Hotel security officer William Gardner informed Rolon that he was detaining several "eye witnesses" for the police. He also told Rolon that some members of the news media were trying to take these witnesses out of the Embassy Ballroom in order to obtain an exclusive story.

Rolon located Jesus Perez, who reportedly was shaking hands with Senator Kennedy at the time of the shooting. While walking Perez away from the crowd, a male, who identified himself as a reporter for "Time Incorporated," attempted to pull Perez away from Rolon. This reporter offered Perez \$5,000.00 for an exclusive story. Note: Perez was questioned at a later date regarding this money offer, and he could not recall the incident.

12:40 a.m.

Traffic on the surrounding surface streets came to a standstill as the sightseers converged on the area. Officer J. F. Hajek notified Communications Division that Wilshire Boulevard between Normandie and Alexandria Avenues was closed to traffic. He and his partner, D. H. Wilson, began diverting traffic away from that location. Fourteen other officers responding to the "shooting call" also took it upon themselves to clear this traffic problem. Performing this duty were P. M. Despard,

R. G. Rozzi, M. Melancon, R. E. Kimball, D. A. Aikins, W. D. Morgan, L. W. Altemueller, R. J. Brian, G. F. Girard, G. Guthrie, J. D. Hayden, R. G. Gould, S. V. Ebbert and L. L. Estrada.

12:44 a.m.

Officer Blishak requested an additional ambulance, at the rear of the hotel, for Gabor Kadar who was suffering from shock.

12:45 a.m.

George Ross Clayton, an amateur photographer, informed Officer Craig he had taken pictures of the crime scene prior to and after the shooting. He voluntarily turned the film over to Craig believing it to be of evidential value. Craig accepted the film and later booked it as evidence.

12:50 a.m.

Sergeant Rolon contacted the Command Post via a Handie-talkie radio and gave Sgt. Sharaga a situation report. Sharaga had been receiving reports from various sources stating there was a major disturbance in the Embassy Ballroom. Rolon informed him that there was "no major commotion, only mass confusion." Much of this problem was caused by members of the press attempting to gather additional facts.

The Gold Room, south of the Embassy Foyer, was used to isolate the witnesses. Rolon utilized the services of Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, Captain K. W. Held, Captain L. J. Rohm, Inspector C. Lynch and A. E. Fisher to guard the entrances of the room. They were instructed not to allow anyone inside

unless accompanied by a police officer.

Officers V. T. Morett and T. B. Roberts arrived at the hotel and went directly to the lobby area. There they observed two male Negroes involved in an altercation inside the Palm Room. The officers stopped the quarrel and instructed them to leave. Both combatants left without further incident. The two officers then advised the bartender to stop serving drinks and to close the bar immediately. They also asked every person who was not an employee of the bar to leave. The patrons complied without incident.

12:50 a.m.

Sergeant Sharaga notified the Emergency Control Center that he had received information Roosevelt Grier was now at Central Receiving Hospital in possession of Sirhan's gun.

12:50 a.m.

Lieutenant Sillings, en route to the Embassy Room from the Command Post, was met by a horde of television newsmen requesting an interview. He made a televised statement stating that the Senator had been shot. He also gave a description of an outstanding suspect. Sillings had received this description from the police radio and from Sharaga minutes earlier.

1:00 a.m.

Sergeants D. D. Varney and R. O. Beauchaine were requested by Councilman J. B. Potter to provide security for Dr. Max Rafferty in room 481. Both sergeants remained with Dr. Rafferty

for a half hour at which time they were relieved by Officers Estrada and Ebbert.

1:00 a.m.

Sergeant J. R. Mac Arthur of Rampart Detectives arrived at the Command Post. He immediately went to the crime scene. After locating Lt. Sillings, he requested him to segregate all witnesses. As the number of witnesses continued to expand, Mac Arthur found it difficult to conduct interviews in the Gold Room. He telephoned Lt. C. A. Hughes at Rampart Station and requested these witnesses be transported to the station. While waiting for the transportation, he conducted approximately twenty-five initial interviews of possible witnesses.

1:00 a.m.

Sergeant R. F. McGuire and Officer C. H. Wilson, Intelligence Division, went to the kitchen area and located witnesses Juan Romero, Vincent Di Pierro and Yoshio Niwa. They isolated them in the Gold Room. Both remained in this room interviewing witnesses.

1:00 a.m.

Four Los Angeles Sheriff's mobile units and thirty-four deputies on foot reported to the Command Post. The majority of these deputies were assigned to exterior perimeter security.

Sharaga assigned the following deputies to assist the officers in the Embassy Ballroom: Sgt. R. E. Lindblom, Sgt. J. C. Barber, Deputies J. R. Armstrong, G. Barrett, T. A. Beringer, H. J.

Foster, R. G. Mussey, F. H. Linley, R. Peterson and R. F. Salo.

Sergeant Lindblom led his squad of deputies to the Embassy Ballroom where he met with Sergeants Jones and Rolon. Jones instructed Lindblom to assist the Los Angeles officers in clearing the crime scene of all unauthorized persons. These officers and deputies formed a "wedge" and walked to the pantry area. Approximately fifteen minutes later they had cleared the crime scene. Newsmen and their equipment were moved only by the sheer number of officers and deputies. This operation was conducted without major incident.

Sergeant Lindblom dispatched one of his deputies to the IBM Building to request additional assistance.

Plainclothes Officer Lamoreaux, mingling with the crowd, observed some persons throwing chairs about the lobby and into the fountain.

After the kitchen area was cleared of unauthorized persons, Sgt. Rolon noticed a large crowd of people attempting to force their way into the Embassy Ballroom from the lobby. Rolon immediately requested Lindblom to clear this area also. Lindblom moved his squad of deputies and policemen into the lobby. The mob refused to move. This squad, facing a milling, screaming, hysterical mob, displayed their batons in a show of force. The mob was finally dispersed and moved from the lobby area by 1:30 a.m.

officer Grogan, while assisting in clearing the crime scene, was informed by an unknown male that he had observed a busboy wipe a blood spot where the Senator had fallen after the shooting. Officer Brewer later found a blood-soaked rag and gave it to Sgt. Jones.

Sergeant Lindblom advised Rolon that his deputies would maintain security in the lobby area until relieved by Los Angeles officers.

1:05 a.m.

Captain C. A. Kirby, Commander, Communications Division, arrived at the Command Post.

1:10 a.m.

Lieutenant Sillings advised Sharaga to allow all vehicles to leave the hotel's parking lots and to record their license numbers for future identification.

1:11 a.m.

Sharaga contacted Communications Division and relayed the following message:

"2L30, until I establish, or at least have been informed at the C.P. that the suspect is in custody, request you repeat the broadcast of the suspect's description I gave earlier this evening. Repeat at least every ten minutes on all frequencies."

1:12 a.m.

Communications Division acknowledged Sharaga's transmission

by stating that the only description they had was the one broadcast at 12:36 by Blishak. This description was that of a male Latin.

1:14 a.m.

Sharaga informed Communications Division their description of the suspect was not the correct one. He then repeated his description as follows:

"Male Caucasian, 20 to 22, 6' to 6'2", sandy blond curly hair, wearing brown pants and a tan shirt.

1:15 a.m.

Lieutenant Sillings, in a situation report from the Embassy Ballroom to the Command Post, stated that there was mass confusion and hysteria at that location. He also requested additional officers.

1:15 a.m. to 1:22 a.m.

Captain Kirby, through the Emergency Control Center, requested a staff officer be assigned to the hotel as a press relations officer. Inspector R. F. Rock immediately radioed that he was en route to the location.

1:28 a.m.

Upon arriving at the Command Post, Rock assumed the duties as the Department's Press Relations Officer. He requested Kirby to immediately confirm the validity of there being only one suspect involved in the shooting.

1:30 a.m.

Deputy Sheriff T. J. Smith was instructed by his supervisor, Lt. J. L. Cline, at the IBM Building, to maintain a log of occurrences. This log pertaining to the Sheriff's Department activities at the hotel commenced at 1:30 a.m. and was terminated at 3:50 a.m.

1:30 a.m.

Captain F. A. Phillips, Rampart Division Commander, arrived at the hotel. He checked the functions of the Command Post and the security measures being taken in the hotel. Noting that these two areas were properly and adequately supervised by Sillings, he left this location to check the conditions at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

1:33 a.m.

The Command Post received information of a disturbance at the parking lot exit in the 3200 block West 8th Street. Captain Kirby dispatched Officers J. L. Conrad and P. Nelson to investigate. Ten minutes later these officers returned to the Command Post and told Kirby that the disturbance was caused by five male Negroes who had refused to leave the area.

1:40 a.m.

Lieutenant B. Kienast, Sheriff's Department, assigned Sergeants D. M. Hogthrop, M. N. Davis, Deputies R. G. Hussey, R. L. Weitzel, C. O. Wernicke, C. H. Woods and ten other deputies from the IBM Building to assist Sgt. Lindblom at the hotel.

1:44 a.m.

Inspector J. W. Powers contacted Sgt. Sharaga on the radio, at the Command Post, and requested to know the origin of the "second" suspect's description. Sharaga had obtained this information from a person who allegedly had been pushed over by the "suspect." This suspect, according to the witness, ran from the crime scene into an adjacent room where this witness had been standing. The witness had only surmised that this person was a suspect because of his hurried actions. Powers ordered Sharaga to disregard the broadcast on the second suspect. He informed Sharaga that other witnesses who had been near the Senator at the time of the shooting described Sirhan as being the only suspect involved.

1:45 a.m.

Sharaga instructed Communications Division to cancel the broadcast on the "second suspect."

2:00 a.m.

Firearms experts, Sgt. W. J. Lee, Officer D. A. Wolfer and photographer C. Collier reported to Sgt. Mac Arthur. Working under his direction, they conducted related scientific investigations at the scene.

2:00 a.m.

Deputy H. J. Foster, patrolling the patio area east of the Palm Court, observed Terry Lee Fraser walk out of the bushes. Deputy Foster became suspicious and stopped him.

While being questioned, Fraser became nervous and evasive. He denied walking through the bushes and gave conflicting statements. Deputy Foster decided to take him to the Sheriff's Command Post for further questioning. Aided by Deputy C. O. Wernicke, Fraser was escorted to the IBM Building and released to the custody of Sgt. D. G. Fossey. Fossey immediately notified Sgt. Sharaga of this arrest.

2:20 a.m.

Lieutenant Sillings established a Satellite Command Post in the Embassy Ballroom. He assigned Sgt. Jones as supervisor in charge of internal security. Officers reporting to this location were assigned various security duties. Initially these posts consisted of relieving the deputies, security for Dr. Max Rafferty's suite, guarding all entrances throughout the hotel and patrolling all floor levels.

2:25 a.m.

All the Sheriff's personnel were relieved and their posts were manned by Los Angeles police officers. The Sheriff's returned to their Command Post at the IBM Building.

2:35 a.m.

The police bus, driven by Officer L. E. Duren, arrived at the Command Post. Fifteen witnesses were taken to the bus without incident or opposition from the press. Sgt. Rolon, Officers Velasquez and Ruiz accompanied the witnesses to Rampart Station. Other witnesses were driven to Rampart Station in police vehicles by Officers Fedrizzi, De Losh, Morett and Roberts.

2:47 a.m.

Returning to the Command Post with Fraser, Craig and Bollinger were instructed to take him to Rampart Station. Fraser was later fingerprinted and photographed at the station. After being questioned it was established by detectives that he was not involved in the case and he was released.

3:03 a.m.

Detective Headquarters notified the Command Post that Barbara Schlei had telephoned stating she was in room 516 of the Ambassador Hotel with a prime witness. Sillings, accompanied by several officers, went to room 516 and located Lisa Lynn Urso. Urso related she had been standing directly behind Sirhan B. Sirhan when he shot the Senator.

3:08 a.m.

Sheriff's personnel and equipment in the reserve pool at the IBM Building amounted to sixty-four deputies, four sergeants and radio cars.

3:30 a.m.

Upon returning to the hotel, Rolon was assigned to clear the fifth floor of all unauthorized persons. While posting officers in and near the Kennedy suite, Rolon's efforts were hampered by a crowd of young adults, many of whom were intoxicated. Some members of the crowd insisted on remaining there stating they were part of the Kennedy delegation. Others in the group attempted to order the officers away from their posts. The crowd nevertheless was moved from the fifth floor without

incident.

3:30 a.m.

After the majority of newsmen had departed from the hotel and there was no longer a need for a staff press relations officer, Inspector Rock left. He later reported to Parker Center where he assisted Chief Reddin.

During the remainder of the early morning hours, Lt. Sillings continued to reenforce the security in the hotel.

At the Command Post, Officer Hajek was designated the Personnel Officer. Officer Rozzi was assigned the position of Press Relations Officer. H. Bailey and B. W. Curtis assisted Sgt. Sharaga. Policewoman S. L. Williams was designated as the Transportation Officer. Her duties consisted of checking police vehicles in and out of the Command Post area.

Assisting Sgt. Mac Arthur with interviews of prospective witnesses were Intelligence Division Sergeants W. R. Unland, H. E. Roberson, R. F. McGuire, and uniformed Officers C. R. Wilson, J. T. Weinbeck, G. E. Foster and G. Ruiz.

3:46 a.m.

A final adjusted count of Sheriff's personnel and equipment totaled eighty-two deputies, eleven sergeants, ten radio cars and one bus.

4:05 a.m.

Officers J. L. Brown and M. J. Lybarger were dispatched to the

Kennedy suite on the fifth floor and instructed not to allow anyone in these rooms except the Kennedy family.

4:40 a.m.

Two commercial telephones were installed at the Command Post.

4:45 a.m.

Officer B. W. Curtis was assigned to record all telephone messages.

5:00 a.m.

Sergeant A. L. Lavalley reported to Sgt. Mac Arthur at the crime scene. Lavalley, the Department Surveyor, was instructed to measure the locations of the suspected bullet holes and to survey and draw the crime scene.

5:16 a.m.

Lieutenant S. L. George was assigned to the duties of Logistics Officer.

5:25 a.m.

Policewoman S. A. Fried was assigned to work in the Command Post. Her duties consisted of assigning officers to various security posts for relief duty.

5:45 a.m.

Lieutenant Sillings advised the Emergency Control Center that security of the Casino Level as well as all entrances was established. Officers assigned to those particular areas were: G. R. Campbell, L. H. Graff, J. R. Brackley, T. H. Dickson,

J. A. Margetich, A. E. Davis, J. C. Murawski, R. W. Moss, A. A. Arce, J. A. Rogers, P. Nelson, and J. L. Conrad. There were also twenty-eight additional officers assigned to other hotel security locations.

6:15 a.m.

Officer J. M. Steele was relieved of the duty of Recorder by Officer V. E. Edwards.

6:40 a.m.

Lt. Sillings advised the Emergency Control Center that the hotel would attempt to move the Jesse Unruh party out of the fifth floor Presidential Suite and assign the rooms to the Kennedy family. If this were not possible, other room assignments would be made for Princess Lee Radziwill, Pat Lawford, Steven Smith, Senator Edward Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy.

6:55 a.m.

Officer Curtis, telephone recorder, was relieved by Officer Willoughby.

6:55 a.m.

Sergeant F. J. Terrick and a squad of nine officers from Traffic Enforcement Division reported for duty. All were immediately assigned to guard various stairways and elevators. They were ordered to keep unauthorized persons from going to the upper floors of the hotel. The only authorized persons allowed to use the main elevators were officers, employees and guests. All visitors were required to be accompanied by a hotel guest. This system worked smoothly. The guests and

visitors cooperated fully.

7:50 a.m.

Sergeant Jones began a steady flow of communications to the Emergency Control Center requesting food and replacements for the officers at the hotel. The Emergency Control Center informed him replacements would arrive at approximately 12 noon. Jones requested and received permission from the Emergency Control Center to contact the patrol divisions who had personnel at the hotel and request their replacements.

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Day watch personnel from adjoining patrol divisions, consisting of fifteen policemen, a policewoman and one sergeant, reported to the Command Post. They were assigned to replace the night and morning watch officers.

8:10 a.m.

Emergency Control Center was notified by Sgt. Jones that all officers with the exception of one lieutenant, two sergeants and twelve policemen had been relieved.

8:20 a.m.

Jones was informed by the Emergency Control Center he could not obtain replacements from patrol divisions without requesting them through the Emergency Control Center Personnel Officer. He was also instructed to retain as many morning watch officers as possible as a reserve force.

8:28 a.m.

As requested by Jones, Communications Division broadcast an

order for all units previously released from the hotel to return to that location.

8:30 a.m.

Virginia Guy, a news reporter, informed Sgt. Rolon she had been a witness to the shooting. She stated she was struck on the mouth by Sirhan's gun while the gun was being wrestled from him. This blow caused her to lose a portion of an upper front tooth. She had not made herself available for interview prior to this time due to the necessity of completing her work assignment. She refused medical attention stating she would see her own dentist. Rolon transported her to Rampart Station where she was further interviewed by Sergeants J. E. Chiquet and E. H. Henderson.

8:40 a.m.

Sharaga redesignated his parking lot command post as the staging area. He assigned Jones to take over as Field Commander in the Embassy Ballroom Command Post. Sharaga designated himself as the Staging Officer.

9:00 a.m.

Sergeant J. H. Cleghorn was assigned the duties of Press Relations Officer.

10:00 a.m.

Lieutenant J. T. Rouzan relieved Sgt. Jones and assumed the duties as Field Commander.

10:05 a.m.

Relief of all morning and midwatch officers was completed.

10:40 a.m.

Lieutenant Sillings received a message to call Captain Phillips at Rampart Station, "Code 3."

Phillips wanted Sgt. Mac Arthur to immediately verify the employment and identification of Robert J. Gindroz with the hotel. A car key found on Sirhan's person was found to fit the ignition of Gindroz's vehicle. This car had been located earlier near the Ambassador Hotel by Officers White and Placencia.

11:30 a.m.

Inspector Rock, noting a large contingency of officers still providing security at the hotel, ordered Lt. Sillings to reduce and relieve the majority of that force.

12:15 p.m.

The staging area was deactivated. A small force consisting of sixteen officers and a policewoman, commanded by Sgt. Hagele, remained at the hotel for minimum security.

Assignments of these officers were as follows: R. A. Johncola and D. W. Bennett, fifth floor roving patrol; L. A. Sterling and L. O. Mayer, Senator Kennedy's suite; M. E. Teney and W. P. Zippi, north end of the fifth floor; K. W. Duncan, fifth floor, center area; A. D. Lambach and H. C. Morris, south side of the fifth floor; R. S. Borowski and G. W. Irwin, Senator Kennedy's press and secretarial room, 512; M. A. Voss and L. E. Crow, relief officers; J. W. Gragg and Policewoman S. A. Fried, Command Post; J. T. Caddin and D. R. Marvin searching the

hotel's parking lots for Sirhan's vehicle.

12:45 p.m.

Sillings, Rolon and Sharaga left the hotel and proceeded to Rampart Station where they were debriefed by Captain Phillips.

2:45 p.m.

Lieutenant G. E. Conroy, Commander of the Emergency Control Center, instructed Sgt. Hagele to deactivate the entire security force.

All the officers at the hotel were instructed to return to their respective divisions. This detail was completely secured at 3:10 p.m.

During the morning of June 5, 1968, the following personnel reported to the Ambassador Hotel at the times indicated.

12:06 a.m.

RAMPART DIVISION

| | <u>UNIT</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Officer G. W. Blishak | 2A68 |
| Officer R. J. Velasquez | 2A68 |

12:22 a.m. to 12:25 a.m.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

| | |
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| Officer M. G. Livesey | 2R27 |
| Officer W. Nunley | 2R27 |
| Officer W. A. Strickel | 2R27 |

RAMPART DIVISION

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| Sergeant P. Sharaga | 2L30 |
| Officer A. Placencia | 2X48 |
| Officer T. R. White | 2X48 |

WILSHIRE DIVISION

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| Officer S. S. Hansen | 7A42 |
| Officer D. Jensen | 7A42 |

12:26 a.m. to 12:27 a.m.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION

| | |
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| Officer S. V. Ebbert | 12T58 |
| Officer L. L. Estrada | 12T58 |

JUVENILE DIVISION

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

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

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|------------------------|--------|
| Sergeant J. Feinborg | R-70-B |
| Sergeant W. C. Swihart | R-70-B |
| Officer G. E. Foster | R-22 |
| Officer D. R. Krieger | R-24 |
| Officer R. B. Pickard | R-24 |
| Officer J. T. Weinbeck | R-22 |

RAMPART DIVISION

| | <u>UNIT</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Officer R. B. Adair | 2Z1 |
| Officer A. D. Bollinger | 2A51 |
| Officer C. C. Craig | 2A51 |
| Officer H. G. Dublin | 2A37 |
| Officer T. W. Duehring | 2A47 |
| Officer V. T. Karalekas | 2A47 |
| Officer P. G. Metoyer | 2Z1 |
| Officer G. Ruiz | 2A37 |

WILSHIRE DIVISION

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| Officer R. G. Gould | 7A1 |
| Officer J. D. Hayden | 7A1 |

12:28 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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| Officer L. W. Altemueller | 12T53 |
| Officer R. J. Brian | 12T53 |
| Officer R. W. Furtak | 7T78 |
| Officer G. F. Girard | 6T28 |
| Officer G. C. Guthrie | 6T28 |
| Officer L. J. Miller | 7T78 |
| Officer E. S. Pearson | 7T6 |
| Officer W. Wighton | 7T6 |

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Officer C. A. Brewer | 4Y282 |
| Officer J. W. Grogan | 4Y282 |
| Officer A. L. Lamoreaux | 4Y284 |
| Officer C. W. Zachary | 4Y284 |

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

| | |
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| Captain C. A. Kirby | Commander |
| | 2J |

DETECTIVE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Sergeant R. O. Beauchaine | 1K3 |
| Sergeant D. D. Varney | 1K3 |

HOLLYWOOD DIVISION

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| Officer A. A. Arce | 6A41 |
| Officer J. A. Rogers | 6A41 |

INTELLIGENCE DIVISIONUNIT

Sergeant R. F. McGuire
Officer C. H. Wilson

3Y55
3Y55

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

Lieutenant R. Tackaberry
Officer A. E. Davis
Officer J. R. Emery
Officer D. R. Krieger
Officer J. A. Margetich
Officer R. B. Pickard
Officer J. L. Segars
Officer J. M. Steele
Officer T. J. Vandewalle

R-10
R-11
R-21
R-24
R-11
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R-25
R-25
R-21

NEWTON DIVISION

Officer D. N. Mahle
Officer D. E. Zeigler

13A91
13A91

RAMPART DIVISION

Lieutenant R. K. Sillings
Sergeant D. W. Bosacker
Sergeant R. M. Rolon
Officer W. H. Dworin
Officer V. J. Morett
Officer W. J. Powell
Officer T. B. Roberts
Officer K. E. Vogl
Officer J. L. Wilson

2L10
2L30
2L20
2A12
2X26
2A12
2X26
2A1
2A1

WILSHIRE DIVISION

Sergeant J. D. Jones
Officer D. G. Aikins
Officer H. Bailey
Officer E. W. Crosthwaite
Officer P. M. Despard
Officer V. J. Edwards
Officer J. F. Hajek
Officer R. E. Kimball
Officer M. J. Melancon
Officer W. B. Morgan
Officer R. G. Rozzi
Officer D. H. Wilson
Officer C. A. Wright

7L20
7A87
7Z6
7Z6
7A90
7A63
7A57
7A74
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7A87
7A90
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7A63

1:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Officer J. W. Cronshaw
Officer R. D. Hill

UNIT

1A29
1A29

HOLLYWOOD DIVISION

Officer J. L. Conrad
Officer R. W. Gerst
Officer P. Nelson
Officer D. G. Simonson

6A51
6A1
6A51
6A1

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

Officer J. R. Brackley
Officer G. R. Campbell
Officer T. H. Dickson
Officer L. H. Graff
Officer J. R. Turner
Officer J. R. Valdez

R-34
R-33
R-34
R-33
R-31
R-31

PATROL BUREAU

Inspector R. F. Rock

Staff 3C

RAMPART DIVISION

Captain F. A. Phillips
Sergeant J. R. Mac Arthur

Commander 2
Detectives

1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

CENTRAL JAIL DIVISION

Officer L. E. Duren

Bus Driver

GEORGIA STREET JUVENILE

Policewoman S. L. Williams

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Sergeant H. E. Roberson
Sergeant W. R. Unland

3Y58
3Y58

NEWTON STREET DIVISION

Officer B. Altizer

13A41

NORTH HOLLYWOOD DIVISION

Officer B. W. Curtis

15L27

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Sergeant W. J. Lee
Officer D. A. Wolfer
Civilian C. Collier

UNIT

Firearms Unit
Firearms Unit
Photographer

77TH STREET DIVISION

Officer J. L. Brown
Officer M. J. Lybarger

12A25
12A25

WEST VALLEY DIVISION

Officer R. W. Moss
Officer J. C. Murawski

10L72
10L94

4:30 a.m.

RAMPART DIVISION

Policewoman S. A. Fried

5:00 a.m.

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Sergeant A. J. Lavallee

Surveyer

SUPPLY DIVISION

Lieutenant S. L. George

7:00 a.m.

RAMPART DIVISION

Officer F. R. Willoughby

Vice

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Sergeant F. J. Terrick
Officer J. A. Bottrell
Officer G. L. Douglas
Officer W. F. Ellis
Officer R. C. Meharg
Officer A. S. Peckham
Officer M. E. Rhodes
Officer C. E. Teague
Officer P. H. Thompson
Officer G. L. Williams

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2M11
3M24
7M52
7M53
3M23

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

GEORGIA STREET JUVENILE

Policewoman F. M. Kusel

HOLLYWOOD DIVISION

Officer L. E. Crowe
Officer D. R. Marvin
Officer L. O. Mayer

UNIT

6L1 (Day)
6L41
6L51

77TH STREET DIVISION

Officer K. W. Duncan
Officer A. D. Lambach

12A25 (Day)
12A25 (Day)

WILSHIRE DIVISION

Sergeant C. C. Hagele
Officer D. W. Bennett
Officer R. S. Borowski
Officer J. T. Cadden
Officer J. W. Gragg
Officer G. W. Irwin
Officer R. A. Johncola
Officer H. E. Mauk
Officer H. C. Morris
Officer L. A. Sterling
Officer M. A. Voss

7L20 (Day)
7A97 (Day)
7L1 (Day)
7S28 (Day)
7A42
7L16 (Day)
7A97 (Day)
7A87 (Day)
7S8
7A87 (Day)
7A42

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

77TH STREET DIVISION

Officer M. E. Teney
Officer W. P. Zippi

12Z2 (Day)
12Z2 (Day)

WILSHIRE DIVISION

Lieutenant J. T. Rouzan
Sergeant J. H. Cleghorn

CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL

On June 5, 1968, at 12:30 a.m., Senator Robert Kennedy was transported by ambulance from the Ambassador Hotel to Central Receiving Hospital. The following is an account of the participation of the Los Angeles Police Department at this location.

Officer G. F. Tinch, assigned to the hospital detail at Central Receiving, was informed of the shooting by a hospital staff member. Anticipating a need for additional officers at this location, Tinch notified Detective Headquarters of this incident and requested assistance.

At approximately 12:28 a.m., members of the press and sightseers began converging at the hospital en masse. The majority of the crowd congregated near the ambulance dock.

Officers R. O. Harper and R. E. Naquin, who were at the hospital on another matter, were assigned to guard the ambulance dock.

Both were also ordered by Tinch to clear the dock area of unauthorized persons.

Arrival at Central Receiving Hospital

The ambulance bearing the Senator arrived at the hospital at 12:30 a.m., preceded by Officers M. G. Livesey and W. A. Strickel who had driven "Code 3" in their police vehicle from the hotel.

After backing the ambulance into the dock, Robert Hulsman, Max Behrman and other hospital staff members removed the Senator's stretcher from the vehicle. Cameramen and newsmen, attempting

to take pictures, mobbed the stretcher bearers. Tinch cleared the way and helped get the stretcher inside to treatment room #2. Tinch left the treatment room to assist the other officers in clearing the corridor. Officers F. Mena and W. W. Ambrecht had been dispatched from Rampart Station by Sgt. J. S. Locker to provide security at the hospital. Tinch assigned them to secure the treatment room and ordered them to allow no one into the room except the hospital staff.

Individual officers attempted to move the crowd of newsmen and sightseers from the corridor with little success. Sergeants W. C. Swihart and Feinberg organized a squad to concentrate on keeping the corridors clear.

While a large crowd was still milling around the corridor, Ethel Kennedy and a group of four or five other persons attempted to enter the treatment room. Unaware that she was the Senator's wife, Officer Ambrecht refused them admittance. This small group rushed toward the door. Ambrecht, fearful that the Senator's treatment table might easily be upset by this rush, took a position in the center of the doorway. He extended his arms to form a barricade across the door to prevent them from entering.

The group, including Ethel Kennedy, unsuccessful in their first try at entering the room, attempted to push and pull Ambrecht away from the door. Ambrecht pushed the group away a second time. During this scuffle Ambrecht received minor scratches to his left thumb and right wrist. Fred Dutton, a Kennedy aide,

approached Sergeant Swihart and asked if he had seen what had just happened. Swihart replied in the affirmative and informed Dutton that Ambrecht had acted properly. When Ethel Kennedy's identification was established, she was allowed to enter the room. Father J. W. Mundell, a priest dressed in civilian attire, was identified by Mrs. Kennedy and also permitted inside.

Lieutenant R. Tackaberry, arriving from the hotel shortly after this incident, immediately assumed command as senior officer at the scene. Lieutenant W. E. Hogue, who was dispatched to the hospital from Parker Center by Deputy Chief E. M. Davis, also arrived. Hogue's duties were to relay information regarding the situation back to the Emergency Control Center.

Upon locating Senator Kennedy's treatment room, Hogue identified himself to Officers Ambrecht and Mena. He noted both officers were having difficulty trying to control the efforts of various persons seeking access to the room. Tackaberry and Hogue both agreed that the crowd should be moved out of the corridor to the waiting room. Sergeants Swihart, Feinberg and R. M. Lopez, already in the process of moving the crowd, were joined by Officers W. A. Strickel, M. G. Livesey, R. B. Adair, P. G. Metoyer, C. W. Carrington, F. J. Bielman, S. S. Hansen, D. Jensen, J. L. Segars, R. O. Harper and R. E. Naquin.

William Barry, Kennedy's bodyguard, approached Tackaberry and demanded that Officer Ambrecht be removed from the door of the treatment room because of his rudeness to Ethel Kennedy.