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# Guide to the Los Angeles Police Department Records of the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Investigation

Sentence 4-23-69  
Judge Loring 5-16-69  
Cooper learned of Loring sub rosa 5-21-69  
door frame <sup>reportedly</sup> destroyed 6-27-69

door frame & ceiling panels destroyed 6-17-69 (5 1/2 weeks after Loring/W. Uker sub rosa meeting)

Meeting (sub rosa) in Judge Loring's Chamber - Loring's Defense was May 16 1969. Cooper learned of this on May 21 '69. Before appeals were filed and after Loring was sentenced (April 23 '69) (see item # 117 & 118)

California State Archives (his file).

April 1993

Who are 'black fronts' (item # 8-1) Who is Edwin Ross? why relevant?

why not some victim - Waldstein, Strall, ?

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**RECORDS OF SPECIAL UNIT SENATOR**

Special Unit Senator (SUS), the LAPD task force that carried out all aspects of the investigation, was created on June 11, 1968 under the direction of Chief of Detectives Robert Houghton. The need for an independent, special task force arose from the Department's realization that the nature of the investigation would overtax resources normally available to the Detectives Division. Accordingly, the case received top priority and SUS staff were handpicked from throughout the Department based on the quality of their previous work and particular skills, including investigative experience, knowledge of foreign languages and scientific applications, and records-keeping systems. Initially, staff included Task Force Commander, Captain Hugh Brown, three lieutenants, 18 detective sergeants, and two clerical personnel. Within one week, 37 additional officers and seven civilians were added to the work force.

The investigation itself was divided into three basic areas: case preparation, in cooperation with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office; Sirhan's background; and conspiracy leads. The scope and size of the investigation necessitated a close coordination not only with other LAPD divisions, but also with the FBI, U.S. Attorney General's office, Los Angeles County Sheriff's office, and the U.S. Secret Service.

Special Unit Senator was disbanded in July 1969.

All juvenile and school records throughout the collection have been withheld from disclosure pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, sections 389, 781, 827, and 828, and Education Code, sections 49076(b) (2), 49061(b), and 49073.

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- 1. **Card Index.** 1968-1969. Approximately 8,250 cards.  
Microfilm Roll Nos. 1-3

Arranged alphabetically by surname or topic.

A master card index of all individuals interviewed or contacted during the investigation. Each card may contain name and address of individual, dates and time of interview, summary of interview, interview number, and name(s) of interviewer(s). Some cards may also contain reference to FBI reports (see series #8) and occupation of individual. An alphabetical card index to audio tapes may be found at the end of the series containing names of individuals interviewed by Special Unit Senator. Logs that summarize much of this information are found at the end of roll number 3.

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Dear Ms. Mangan:

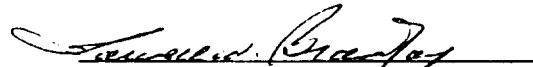
In response to your request for information on evidence that I examined in the PEO. V. SIRHAN (RFK Assassination) matter as a member of the post-trial examination panel, enclosed are copies that I have made for you from documents in my file:

1. ORDER FOR RETESTING OF EXHIBITS (Order No. 2), dated September 23, 1975, consisting of two pages.
2. Evidence List, prepared by Panel Chairman Patrick Garland, consisting of five pages.
3. Copy of a page of my notes, made during the course of examination, referring specifically to Panel Exhibits #3 and #3-A (Peo. Exhibit 48).

I note that Panel Exhibit #3 was contained in a bottle marked vial #24, and #3-A was in vial #25. The numbers 24 and 25 were apparently used by the LAPD at the time of original collecting and listing. This has resulted in some photographs and possibly notes being identified with these numbers prior to the time that they came to the Panel, rather than Panel or Peoples Exhibit numbers.

I have a full 8"x10" color print of the major portion of Panel Exhibit #3. I am departing for Las Vegas on another matter early tomorrow and will take this photo with me. If you want a copy, I can have one made for you there.

Sincerely yours,

  
LOWELL W. BRADFORD

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Description

Name: Doe, John Booking # 495-139

Location: Rampart Charge: 217 P.C.

Officer: Calkins 7237 Div. HD

1-Revolver Cal. .22

Contents:

Revolver, Iver Johnson "Cadet", caliber  
.22 LR, eight shot, blued steel, serial  
number: H53725, Top strap marked:

Iver Johnson Cadet .

Mod. 55-SA Pat. Pend.

I.J.A. & C. WKS.

Fitchburg, Mass. U.S.A.

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PROPERTY REPORT

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS  
1. Link  
2. Link  
3. 1077 Havenhurst Dr., Encino  
4. Same

DATE & TIME THIS REPORT  
6-5-68 5:20 AM. PROP. SEIZ. AT Cent. INV. DIV. Cent.

Evidence:  Found  Evidence  Property  Safekeeping  
PERSON PROPERTY OBTAINED TO: San Jose Sheriff

1. Doc John  
2. Blum  
3. Goldstein, Ira M.  
4. Same

CHARGE  
Att. 187  
7898045

RES. PHONE  
195 139

DATE & TIME PROPERTY TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY - LOCATION - CITY OR REPORTING DIST.  
6-5-68 4:00 AM. 16237 Ventura Blvd. 1089

TYPE OF PREMISES  
Rec. Hosp.

TYPE OF PROPERTY  
22 cal. slug

DIV. OR CITY & DATE CRIME OCCURRED  
Cent. 6-5-68

LIST ANY CONNECTING REPORTS BY TYPE & NO.  
Arrest rep. above DR.

IF THIS STOLEN PROPERTY  
 YES  NO  UNKNOWN

POSSIBLE CRIME  
Arrest -  Photo -  I.D. -  Slay -

(1) IF STOLEN IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES EACH CASE MUST BE COVERED BY CRIME AND FOLLOW-UP REPORTS (2) DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES RESULTING IN BOOKING OF THIS PROP. (3) GIVE ADDRESS, TIME AND OR PHONE NUMBER WHERE CONSIDERED IN REPORTS MAY BE CONTACTED BY DAY INVESTIGATORS IF NOT LISTED OR OTHER THAN ABOVE (4) ITEMIZE AND DESCRIBE ALL PROPERTY GIVE ALL SERIAL NUMBERS AND OTHER MARKS

ITEM NO. QUAN. CITY SERIAL NO. SERIAL NUMBERS AND OTHER MARKS

The property listed below taken into custody at 4:00 AM. 6-5-68 at Encino Rec. Hosp. The property was received from nurse Geraldine Halloran and trans. to Cent. Div. Property and booked. The bullet was removed from vict's buttock by Dr. M. Finkel and given to nurse Helen Powers who in turn gave the spent bullet to Geraldine Halloran. A copy of the M. T. and a receipt for the bullet rec. from Geraldine Halloran. All property booked in connection with the Senator Kennedy shooting which was occurred at the Ambassador Hotel.

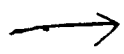
113 1 22 cal. slug.  
114 1 M. T. slip.  
119 1 Receipt for property received.

REPORTING OFFICER(S): SER. NO. DIV. DET.  
J. R. Poddema 11044 W Val

PERSON SIGNATURE deposited  
X

Supervisor Approving: Lt. R. F. Kelly 5633  
DATE & TIME IMPROVED - INITIALS - SIGN

Form 361 (Rev. Feb. 1958) PROPERTY REPORT



Note: Item 113 the Goldstein bullet (Pec 52 at trial) is not ID'd in this report with Dr Finkel's "X" marking - see attached pg. 183 from SLS microfilm

Also, note - this is the bullet which <sup>798-</sup>Walfer used for his "test" comparison bullet with Pec 7. Walfer incorrectly ID'd Pec 52 as his "test" bullet. See Krans Report + 1975 <sup>picant</sup> Examiner's Report.

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Los Angeles Police Department

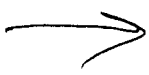
REPORT NO. 9  
PROGRESS REPORT - CASE PREPARATION FOR TRIAL

Dr. Nathan Lewis Cozen - Physician for Mr. Stroll

On the morning of 6-5-68, witness was contacted by Mrs. Stroll, mother of victim Stroll and was informed that victim Stroll was in Central Receiving Hospital and that he was to be transferred to Midway Hospital. She stated that her son had been a victim of a gun shot wound. Witness arrived at hospital, examined victim who complained of pain in left leg. Witness observed bleeding of wound located in the mid third of lower left leg. Wound was swollen and tender, x-rays were taken, witness obtained the services of Dr. Sherwood Fineberg and after consultation it was agreed bullet should be removed. Location of bullet was bedded deep in calf next to bone. Operation was performed by witness and bullet was removed.

Witness unable to identify caliber and did not mark it. Bullet was flattened and deformed, witness later released it to LAPD officers.

Dr. Max F. Finkel - Called in by Dr. Gettelman, Family Doctor for Mr. Goldstein



Witness received phone call from witness Dr. Gettelman, family doctor of victim Goldstein. Witness requested to go to Encino Hospital where upon arrival he examined victim Goldstein, victim in moderate pain and had sustained superficial gun shot wound to the left thigh, x-ray showed no bone damage nor arterial or nerve injury. Witness removed bullet and marked it with an "X" with the base being the portion marked. Bullet was retained by witness, placed in small glass jar and labeled with victim's name. Bullet and jar turned over to LAPD officers. Witness again on the 11th and 18th of June treated victim and on last occasion discharged him from further treatment.

Dr. Nat Downs Reid - Assisting Physician on Kennedy Operation

This doctor received a phone call at home requesting he report to Good Samaritan Hospital. He arrived at approximately 1:00 am, and was met by Dr. Cunce and Dr. Adler. They examined x-rays and all agreed an operation should be done. Dr. Adler and I performed the surgery together. I removed lead fragments from the mastoid area and adjacent cerebellum. In addition to the lead fragments I also removed bone fragments. Two wounds in the right armpit were explored. One bullet had lodged in the back of the neck, created no problem at this time. At this time the patient's blood pressure had gone up quite high. The surgery was restricted to the area of the head. Major portion of the operation concerned removing blood clots which had caused pressure on nerves. All lead fragments were turned over to a police officer at the time of surgery. The police photographer took pictures prior to surgery.

Dr. Paul Terrance Worklake - Pathologist Good Samaritan Hospital

Witness is a pathologist and represents the lab at Good Samaritan Hospital. On the morning of June 5, 1968, he was contacted and instructed to report to the hospital. At the hospital he was informed that Senator Kennedy had been shot and was going to be operated on.

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Sirhan and feels he is very knowledgeable regarding horses. Sirhan told Field that he trained horses. Field states Sirhan drove a 1953 or 1954 De Soto convertible and that he associated with four or five other Arabs. Field could not identify Sirhan's photograph.

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FIN, EVELYN SIMS (MRS.)

Mrs. Fin reported that on June 4, 1968, she was at the United States National Bank, 1255 North Lake Street, Pasadena when the bank opened. She saw a male, Cuban, 30, 5'9", 160, black curly hair, in front of the bank. She believed this person is related to Sirhan as his face was identical except older. The man ran into the bank and went to teller, Nellie Coumans. He withdrew a sum of money and rushed from the bank.

NOTE: Mrs. Fin was shown photographs of Munir Sirhan, Adel Sirhan, Saidallah Sirhan, Nabil Khoury and Sirhan Sirhan and stated that the suspect's picture was not in the photographs. Mrs. Fin was in the company of Beatrice Moore.

FINEBERG, SHERWOOD, DR.

Dr. Fineberg assisted Dr. Cozen in the operation of Irwin Stroll at the Midway Hospital.

FINEMAN, TOM

Mr. Fineman arrived at the Ambassador Hotel with Mark Mittock on June 4, 1968, 9 p.m. They went to the Embassy Room and entered by using a press pass obtained from an unknown male. He remained in the Embassy Room during the victory speech. He heard four loud pops in rapid succession and heard someone in the crowd state, "Kennedy has been shot."

FINKEL, MAD R., DR.

Dr. Finkel removed the bullet from Ira Goldstein at approximately 3 a.m., on June 5, 1968. He reported that Goldstein appeared to be in moderate pain, and had sustained a superficial gunshot wound in the left thigh. X-rays showed no bone damage, arterial or nerve injury. He removed the bullet and scratched a mark on the base so that he could identify it at a later date. He stated he has performed many operations on gunshot wounds and described this bullet as a .22 caliber. He placed the bullet in a glass vial labeling it with the patient's name, date and time of removal and gave it to a Los Angeles Police Department officer. He discharged Goldstein on June 13, 1968.

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. 203

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.



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"A deformed bullet was removed and marked with an 'X' by Dr. Funke"

John Bowl  
5/95

Goldschein  
"X"

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**REPORT OF EVALUATION**

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FOR:

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IN RE:

**SIRHAN-RFK EVIDENCE**

August 6, 1994

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