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RFK Assassination Bullets Introduced at Sirhan Trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The bullets that killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as he was flush from victory in the California Democratic presidential primary were introduced into evidence today at the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Dewayne Wolfer, a Los Angeles police ballistics expert, testified the bullets, brought to court in yellow envelopes, came from the sixth cervical vertebra of Sen. Kennedy. There were also bullet fragments taken from the senator's head in surgery and during an autopsy.

Sirhan came to court today sporting a fresh haircut but ~~wearing~~ the same gray suit

and sky blue tie that he has worn through the first six days of testimony.

Through nearly 50 witnesses, the state has constructed a mosaic of a deliberate assassin who revealed his intent yet was still able to kill the heavily protected Kennedy.

Still to be told is the reason.

The answer to that, the prosecution feels, is contained in two black notebooks seized from Sirhan's Pasadena home after Kennedy was shot. The defense will fight their admission on grounds they were seized illegally.

The notebooks, according to Mayor Sam Yorty, contain a "direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Sen. Robert F. Kennedy before June 5, 1968"—the first anniversary of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

At 12:20 that morning, after addressing a joyous crowd celebrating his victory in California's Democratic presidential primary, Kennedy was shot.

The defense claims Sirhan—a 24-year-old Jordanian whose hatred of Jews goes back to childhood scenes of war—was intoxicated, in a trance and pushed to the killing by Kennedy's advocacy of more U.S. military aid to Israel. Its testimony will come mainly from Sirhan himself, his mother and brothers and from psychiatrists and psychologists.