

12-4-69
7 AT

Prosecutor in Sirhan Trial Named Judge

SACRAMENTO (UPI)

—The deputy district attorney who prosecuted Sirhan Sirhan for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has been appointed by Gov. Reagan as a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge.

David N. Fitts, 47, head deputy of the Santa Monica branch of the county district attorney's office, succeeds Judge Emmett E. Doherty, who retired. The post pays \$31,816 a year.

Fitts, a Republican, is a native of Los Angeles who received his law degree from Stanford University.

The governor also appointed Francis J. Garvey, Covina attorney; Vernon G. Foster, Los Angeles attorney and lecturer at the USC law school, and Municipal Judge Thomas C. Murphy of Los Angeles to the Los Angeles Superior Court bench.

Murphy is a Democrat and the others are Republicans.

They replaced Judges Mark Brandler, Aubrey Irwin and Mervyn Aggeler, who retired from the posts.

Reagan also announced the appointment of Joseph W. Chandler, a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney, to fill a newly created judgeship on the Santa Monica Municipal Court.

Chandler, a Republican, will receive an annual salary of \$29,270.