

# Assassination prober's wife attacked

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Mrs. Betty Dryer was attacked, choked and cut by two unknown men in her bedroom Saturday at about 12:30 a.m. when she returned to her home from work. She is the wife of Ivan Dryer, author of a recent front-page article in the

house, except that the Charach legal brief was lying open on the floor along with two letters to senators. She had \$50 in cash in her purse which was not touched, and there were expensive cameras lying around in full view. There was no sexual assault.



Betty and Ivan Dryer face the press

Free Press entitled: "WHO REALLY KILLED RFK."

Dryer has been actively investigating discrepancies and contradictions in the official explanation of both the RFK and JFK assassinations. He feels the attack on his wife was a result of his involvement in the recent announcement of new findings in the RFK case.

Mrs. Dryer was entering her bedroom when two men jumped her and threw her to the floor. One man choked her while the other brought both hands down on her face and cut her once on each cheek with a sharp blade.

The two men, whom she describes as being tall, heavily built, dark, with black wavy hair—one with a short, neat beard—repeatedly asked her, "What do you know? What evidence do you have?" and told her, "Stay out from the Sirhan-Charach case." She struggled and protested that she knew nothing. They left. Nothing was disturbed in the

Her son Ricky and his friend were sleeping across the street on his friend's front porch and reported seeing a red pickup truck at about 12:30 or 1:00 cruising our street with lights out before parking in front of our house. Two men, one reportedly tall, the other shorter and heavier, exited from the truck. About 20 or 30 minutes later the two boys said the truck left the scene hurriedly, burning rubber as it did.

"We want to clearly establish, for our protection, that we have no evidence in our possession not any knowledge of the particulars of these new findings beyond those already made public," Dryer said.

"It is our understanding that no private individuals have such evidence. It is all locked away in the hands of proper authorities, including the Sirhan Chief Appeals attorney Luke McKissack, and representatives of the Kennedy family.

"Let me provide some background to this incident," Dryer

continued. "In our capacities as Chairman and Secretary of the Echo Park Commission on Law and Order, my wife and I have been involved in gathering and distributing evidence about recent American political assassinations, for the public and their elected representatives. At one of the several public rallies and meetings our organization has held in the past few months, we met Mr. Theodore Charach and became generally acquainted with his probe of the Robert Kennedy case.

"My wife was asked by Mr. Charach to transcribe tapes of his evidence, the last request being made last Thursday. I wrote two articles for the Free Press, one of June 12, detailing Mr. Charach's charges, the latter, again of last Thursday, of June 26, reporting that Charach would appear on a TV show that coming Saturday night on which he would reveal new evidence. This article came out the day before the attack took place.

"The week prior to the attack, my wife received two calls, the first for me which warned me to 'stay away from the Kennedy investigation,' and the second, last Wednesday, telling us to 'get out of what you're doing now.' When asked what that meant, the caller replied, 'You know very well.'

"As a result of all this I have sent the following telegram to Senator Edward M. Kennedy:

"My wife, Betty Dryer, assaulted and terrorized Sat. a.m. by two unknowns matching descriptions of witness testimony in Theodore Charach probe of RFK assassination. Assailants referred to Charach-Sirhan case, demanded information and new evidence. (Refer No. Hollywood, Calif. Police D.R. 70-558872, June 27.) New findings suppressed to date. Need congressional investigation NOW of all political assassinations. We earnestly petition your public support in this grave matter to protect ourselves and other citizens.

"We believe in law and order—for everybody. Even killers of Presidents and Senators, and especially those who get away with it. We will continue to support investigations such as those of Theodore Charach because we believe that supportive efforts to uncover the truth will provide our only safety. Violent intimidations will not dissuade us from pursuing the reinstatement of law and order and the democratic institution of officials elected by the electorate majority, not the extremist few. It is time that the American people stop permitting the substitution of the bullet for the ballot."

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