
LA police commander says he refuses to deal with speculation in RFK case

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Commander William Booth, chief spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department, said he would not deal with speculation concerning what has been called questionable handling of tape recordings in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination investigation.

Professor Philip H. Melanson, head of the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Archives at Southeastern Massachusetts University, claims more than 50 taped interviews that would support a conspiracy theory are missing from files released by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Booth said the department would "not deal with what somebody else calls a discrepancy."

He added: "Everything that we had in file with regards to that case had been turned over to the (state) archives," he said on the telephone. "In terms of individuals coming up with their own theories ... and being critical as to whether they find what they're looking for or not ... the records have to speak for themselves."