

EXERPT BY MCKISSICK FROM JULY 10 1971  
LETTER KMX NEWS

McKissick: "...those exhibits would be handled - I don't know how a person could examine it otherwise. Clearly the prosecutions witnesses examined those same exhibits when they were preparing the case against Sirhan. Certainly there's nothing to that. I don't know, exactly what he (D.A.) means by 'tampered with'.

K.N.X. RADIO  
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Newsman: "The Los Angeles district attorney has confirmed an earlier report that investigation is underway into the possible altering of evidence used to convict Sirhan Sirhan for the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

District Attorney Joseph Busch says, and I quote "the court order protecting the exhibit has been ignored and the exhibits have not been properly protected by the County Clerk's office."

Busch's news secretary William Farr quotes the D.A. as stating, "Indeed there is evidence the exhibits have been handled by numerous persons." (Farr) "We are currently in the midst of an investigation to determine whether there has been any intentional or un-intentional tampering with the key exhibits involved in the trial, including the murder weapon and the bullets taken from the body of Senator Robert Kennedy. However, this office has launched a full investigation into this matter.

I have been authorized by the Los Angeles Police Department to state that they intent no react activation of its special unit senator section - which conducted the initial comprehensive probe into the Senator's assassination.

At the conclusion of the investigation by my office we will take appropriate action and make the full report to the public. We are still confident at this point that the original investigation was thorough and that the subsequent trial outcome was valid. Our concern now is whether there has been any violation of the trial exhibits. We are terribly concerned about the possibility that they have been tempered with."

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If we have this loose description by Chief Davis suggesting that - you know - maybe the scratch marks were changed - the identifying characteristics of the bullets. Again I don't know exactly how that takes place and as far as I know it was done ~~fixing~~ down at the Clerk's office and in a very authorized and traditional fashion."

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