

# Pistol Used To Kill RFK Is Questioned

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LOS ANGELES, May 29 (AP)—A lawyer has told this city's civil service commission that the police ballistics expert who testified that he examined the gun used to assassinate Sen. Robert F. Kennedy actually test fired a weapon other than the one taken from Kennedy's convicted slayer, Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Barbara Warner Blehr said bullets from the gun tested by DeWayne A. Wolfer match those removed from other persons who were wounded when Kennedy was killed June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. But she said the serial number of that gun was different from the one on the gun seized from Sirhan.

"The only possible conclusion . . . is that two similar guns were being fired at the scene of the crime," Mrs. Blehr said in a letter. "Such a conclusion then leads unavoidably to the question: Which of the two guns fired the single fatal bullet?"

Mrs. Blehr wrote the commission Friday seeking to block appointment of Wolfer as head of the Los Angeles Police Department's crime laboratory.

Kennedy, brother of the late President John F. Kennedy, was killed as a volley of eight shots felled him and wounded five bystanders. Sirhan, convicted of murder, is now on Death Row at San Quentin.

Asked for comment, Wolfer said, "I honestly can't understand this. I'll stand behind my work in a court of law."

Two photographs submitted by Mrs. Blehr are of an exhibit from Sirhan's trial—an envelope containing three bullets purportedly fired from Sirhan's gun. In Wolfer's handwriting is the notation that Sirhan's weapon had the serial No. H18602.

Trial records show that the gun wrested from Sirhan the night of the assassination bore the serial No. H53725.