

Witnesses Recount Details of Shooting Of Robert Kennedy

LOS ANGELES, May 14 (AP) — Amid challenges by critics of "political motivation," experts and witnesses have gone over the six-year-old assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The one-day hearing yesterday was called by Los Angeles County Supervisor Baxter Ward, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mr. Ward denied any political motive.

Paul Shrader, who as a regional officer of the United Automobile Workers was a friend and ally of Mr. Kennedy, testified that he agreed with a so-called "second gun" theory.

Although never proved and discounted by experts and witnesses in earlier inquiries, it has been held by some observers that in addition to the gun taken from Sirhan B. Sirhan, who was convicted of the assassination and is now serving a life prison term, a second weapon was fired.

"An armed guard hired by the Ambassador hotel admitted to the grand jury that he pulled a gun although he said he did not fire it," said Mr. Shrader, who was wounded as he stood near Senator Kennedy.

"But a television man testified also to the grand jury that the guard did fire the gun about three times. So it is obvious that a second gunman was in the room," Mr. Shrader said.

This story, from the New York Times, is totally inaccurate. Shrader did not appear as a witness. If he was at the hearing, he testified -- not in public -- but to a reporter. Only ballistic experts and court officials.