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Conspiracy to Kill RFK Discounted

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14 (UPI)—The prosecution revealed today that a massive investigation had unearthed no evidence of a conspiracy or any suspect other than Sirhan B. Sirhan in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Deputy District Attorney Lynn Compton, appearing at a hearing which set a new date of Dec. 9 for beginning of Sirhan's trial, produced the transcribed testimony of 67 persons who said they saw the 24-year-old Jordanian at the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4-5, when Kennedy was fatally wounded.

The testimony of 15 other persons, who allegedly saw

Sirhan practicing at a target-shooting range on June 4, was also presented and made available to Sirhan's attorney, Russell B. Parsons, to prepare the defense.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker announced at the hearing on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice that he intended to lock up the jury every night of the trial once it is sworn.

The trial is expected to last two or three months.

The session today went slightly over an hour, the longest of Sirhan's seven court appearances. The defendant was pale and nervous, swiveling constantly in his chair and

biting at his fingernails, which were worn down to the raw. He smiled and waved at his mother and brother when he entered the room.

The trial was originally scheduled to start Nov. 1 but was put over on Parson's request. Parsons said a courtroom lawyer who is to be called into the case, but who has not yet been identified, was still tied up on another case.

Walker ruled that the trial should start at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, but said it would be recessed on Dec. 23 until after the first of the year so as not to work a hardship on the jurors during the holidays.