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Sirhan's Care In Jail Good, Lawyer Says

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, seems satisfied with his treatment in custody, says an American Civil Liberties Union attorney.

A. L. Wirin, counsel for the ACLU's Southern California chapter, has visited the Jordanian immigrant in his 12-by-12 foot jail cell several times since his arrest June 5.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty, who was criticized after he disclosed information about Sirhan's background, defended his actions as being in the public interest.

He said he acted only to "get the facts to the public to prevent rumors and violence."

Sirhan is denied radio and television and says he doesn't want to read newspapers, Wirin said. He said the defendant is allowed a few minutes of exercise each day in the corridor outside his cell and spends his time reading books on occultism.

Wirin said he was asked to give Sirhan's mother \$300 of the \$400 found in Sirhan's possession when he was arrested. Wirin said the rest of the money would be deposited with the sheriff's office to pay for items Sirhan needed in jail.

Security for Sirhan remains strong, Wirin added. He said he was searched each time he visited the prisoner and the

uty accompanying him to Sirhan's cell in the jail's infirmary wing was given the same treatment.

Despite Sirhan's asking Wirin three times to defend him, the attorney said he would not take the case. His role, Wirin said, was to safeguard Sirhan's rights and to help find a lawyer to represent him.

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