

Judge Denies Access to Files on RFK

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LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30—The CBS network and one of the men wounded in the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy have been turned down by a judge in their bid for access to the police department's files on the slaying.

Superior Court Judge Norman Dowds ruled Friday that California's Public Records Act clearly says that police investigation records need not be disclosed to the public.

But Dowds said, "If anyone is interested in my personal opinion, I think that this long after the event the police department and police commission could consider disclosure of these records."

CBS sought access to the department's 10-volume summary of the investigation, and Paul Schrade asked in addition for the release of all physical evidence and the full 50,000 pages of investigative documents in the case.

Schrade was a Kennedy supporter who was wounded in the shooting at Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, on the night of Kennedy's victory in the California Democratic presidential primary.

The chief question in the controversy is whether Sirhan Sirhan, convicted of murder in the case, was the lone assassin.