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Coast Judge Bars Access to RFK Data

LOS ANGELES (AP) — 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 commission's files on the slaying.

Superior Court Judge Norman Dowds ruled yesterday 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 the record."

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 B. Sirhan, convicted of murder in the case, was the lone assassin.

In a related development yesterday, the City Council voted 10 to 1 to form a special five-man committee to conduct a review of police procedures in the investigation.

Dowds said the question of whether to make the records public is "essentially a political question."