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NEW YORK, MARCH 6 (AP)-A POLICE GUARD HAS BEEN PLACED ON SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY BECAUSE OF A LONG-STANDING THREAT ON HIS LIFE IF TEAMSTERS PRESIDENT JAMES R. HOFFA EVER WERE GO TO JAIL, POLICE COMMISSIONER HOWARD LEARY SAID TONIGHT.

LEARY WOULD NOT SAY EXACTLY WHAT THE GUARD CONSISTED OF OTHER THAN THAT IT WAS "ROUTINE."

THE SENATOR'S OFFICE SAID KENNEDY HAD NOT REQUESTED THE GUARD BUT THAT IT WAS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION.

A KENNEDY AIDE SAID THAT AT LEAST A YEAR AGO THE KENNEDY STAFF "RECEIVED INFORMATION" THAT KENNEDY'S HOME WOULD BE BOMBED IF HOFFA EVER WENT TO JAIL.

HOFFA LOST ANOTHER APPEAL TODAY AND IS SCHEDULED TO START SERVING AN 8-YEAR SENTENCE TOMORROW FOR JURY TAMPERING. AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, KENNEDY LED THE PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOFFA THAT ENDED IN THE JAIL SENTENCE.

LEARY SAID IN A STATEMENT TONIGHT: "WE HAVE TAKEN ROUTINE PRECAUTIONS BASED ON KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE HAD OF A THREAT MADE SOME TIME AGO THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME TROUBLE IF MR. HOFFA WENT TO JAIL. THESE ARE ROUTINE PRECAUTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE TAKEN FROM TIME TO TIME WITH MANY PUBLIC FIGURES."

KENNEDY'S OFFICE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO NEW THREATS AGAINST THE SENATOR. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME EXTRA GUARDS HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE PROXIMITY OF HIS MANHATTAN APARTMENT THIS MORNING.

VIRGINIA POLICE SAID NO PRECAUTIONS WERE BEING MADE TO GUARD KENNEDY'S MCLEAN HOME. "ONLY THING WE KNOW ABOUT ANY BOMB THREAT IS WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN TELLING US," POLICE THERE SAID.

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