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# Fair Trial Warning By Judge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All persons concerned with the legal proceedings of the man charged with killing Robert F. Kennedy are under rigid orders to say nothing that might prejudice a fair trial.

Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon issued the order yesterday saying, "the court has an affirmative duty to do everything possible within its constitutional powers and jurisdiction to make certain the defendant's rights are protected."

His 3½ page order said "because of the obvious public interest in this matter which has produced massive news media publicity, and it further appearing to the court that the dissemination by any means of public communication of any out-of-court statements relating to this case may interfere with the constitutional right of the defendant . . . and disrupt the proper administration of justice, the court, on its own motion, will issue the following orders, a violation of which will result in swift action to punish for

contempt any offender within the jurisdiction of this court."

The order included all attorneys and judicial officers and employes and public officials as well as police and sheriff's officers, grand jurors, witnesses before the grand jury, which indicted Sirhan Sirhan, 24. Sirhan is indicted on a charge of murder.

The order said such persons shall not "release or authorize the release of any documents, exhibits, or any evidence . . . nor make any public statement for public dissemination" which might have the effect of tending "to establish guilt or innocence.

Factual statements such as names, ages, addresses, time and place of arrest, identity of officers, nature of charges, quotes from public records were not banned.

Nor is the order intended, the judge said, to preclude witnesses from discussing matters pertaining to the case with attorneys.

The judge did not mention it, but both the California attorney general and Los Angeles County public defender previously cautioned against discussing evidence, criticizing Mayor Sam Yorty for news conference statements.