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SAN GABRIEL AP -A gun store owner said Saturday he sold four boxes of ammunition on June 1 to a group of three men, including Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused of gunning down Sen. Robert F. Kennedy on June 5.

Ben Herrick, 42, owner of the Lock, Stock & Barrel, said in an interview that Sirhan and two small, swarthy men who may have been Jordanians, like Sirhan, purchased two boxes each of two brands of .22-caliber, long rifle hollow point shells the afternoon of Saturday, June 1.

Sirhan, 24, captured as Kennedy lay fatally wounded on the floor of the Ambassador Hotel after his victory in the California Democratic primary election, was holding a .22-caliber revolver later identified as the murder weapon.

Herrick said police told him the ammunition was traced through an invoice for the sale found in Sirhan's car near the hotel after the assassination.

Police testimony before the Los Angeles County grand jury which indicted Sirhan for murder disclosed that an ammunition box with the name of mini-mag, 22-caliber long rifle HP, High Velocity, was found in the glove compartment of the car.

Herrick described the sale, for under \$4, as routine.

The men simply came in, bought the ammunition and left," he said.

A clerk, Larry K. Arnot, 36, took the money and made out the invoice. Herrick's wife, Dona, was also in the store. Both said they spoke briefly with the men, but that police had told them not to repeat the conversation.

None had testified before the grand jury, although the store was mentioned by an investigator.

A grand jury witness testified that he saw Sirhan practicing shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club in Duarte, near San Gabriel, the day of the assassination.

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