

Counsel for Sirhan Goes To High Court

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The defense attorney for Sirhan B. Sirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968, asked the State Supreme Court today to reverse the conviction because of prejudicial publicity and improper seizure of trial evidence.

Attorney Luke McKissack said he believed the judge had erred in not declaring a mistrial after a newspaper printed a headline and story which stated that Sirhan planned to plead guilty.

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The defense attorney also said that his client's case was hurt by notebooks which officials had seized from his bedroom in his mother's Pasadena home.

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