

Sirhan's parole date moved up to 1985

The parole date of Sirhan Shirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy, has been moved up a year in accord with a new state law giving credit for jail time served pending trial.

Sirhan, who will be 33 on March 19, is in Soledad Prison.

The new ruling by the Adult Authority will allow his release March 1, 1985, according to Phil Guthrie of the state Department of Corrections. Sirhan's parole date had been set for Feb. 23, 1986 — a total of 16 years, nine months. He has been judged a "model prisoner."

He originally was sentenced to death for killing Kennedy June 5, 1968, but was given a life term when the California death penalty was judged unconstitutional.