Bobby Kennedy Death Scare

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A man carrying a hunting rifle was picked up by police last night after he asked a passerby the route of a motorcade for Robert F. Kennedy, campaigning here for the U. S. Senate.

The man was released after he convinced police that he had merely wanted to avoid the traffic jam caused by the motorcade. Police

Commissioner Donald J. Corbett said the passerby told police of the incident, fearing that the armed man planned to assassinate Kennedy, who was here for a speaking engagement at Rochester University.

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Sam Climento, proprietor of the State Street gun shop, said; "The police contacted me and the man matched the description of a man who had just walked out of my shop. The fellow had a new blade front sight put on his 30-06." Climento said the customer planned to hunt moose in Canada.

The route of Kennedy's, motorcade was changed, taking the former Attorney General along quieter streets and disappointing thousands of spectators who had hoped to see him.

Corbett said a "pickup alert" was issued to his men "as a normal police precaution."

He said the hunter was apprehended about the same time Kennedy was at Rochester Airport, preparing to fly to Buffalo.