

Gun From Marin— How Suspect Got It

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The gun police say was used to shoot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was sold to a brother of the prime suspect by the son of a prominent Pasadena family.

This was disclosed to The Tribune today in an exclusive interview with George Erhard Sr., who said his son was being held for questioning in the case by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Erhard said his son, George Jr., 19, sold the gun to a brother of the suspect, Sirhan Sirhan, 23, about six months ago for \$25 that young Erhard needed to buy parts for a Model A Ford he was restoring. He did not identify the brother.

The elder Erhard said that police picked up his son early today at their Pasadena home at 1978 Olive Way. Erhard said police refused to let him talk with his son.

"My son knows nothing about this terrible affair," said Erhard.

Mayor Sam Yorty called a special news conference in Los Angeles to announce the suspect had been identified by his brother, Munir (Joe) Sirhan. Yorty said the brothers recently came to the United States from Jerusalem.

Yorty said the suspect had four \$100 bills in his possession and a newspaper clipping critical of Kennedy.

Yorty said the brother was not a suspect but was believed to have owned the weapon involved in the shooting. He said the delay in tracing the suspect resulted from the only fingerprints being available in juvenile files in the State Capitol at Sacramento.

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Gen. Thomas Lynch said the weapon was a .22 caliber, nine-shot, Iver Johnson with a 2½ inch barrel. The pistol fires .22 long shells which have a harder impact than short bullets.

The suspect attended high school in Pasadena where his fingerprints were taken when he applied for a state job.

"This could have happened anywhere," declared the mayor. "Every right thinking person should deplore and be horrified by the shooting."

The gun was traced through several hands.

Lt. Guido Battaglia of the Marin County sheriff's office said investigation showed the gun was purchased in 1965 about the time of the Watts riot by Albert Hurt of Alhambra, Calif.

Hurt's wife later gave it to their daughter, Mrs. Dana T. Westlake, 35, of Woodacre, in Marin County.

Mrs. Westlake told Marin County sheriff officers she gave the gun to Erhard, a longtime family friend, last December.

She said that she made the gift when she lived in Pasadena. Mrs. Westlake said that Erhard admired the gun, a rather rare Iver-Johnson mod-

el, and that she gave it to him.

"I have two small children and I didn't want the gun around the house when I moved to Marin County," Sheriff's Lt. Guido Battaglia quoted her as saying.

Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin said he had asked the Marin County authorities about the gun.

Reddin said that under intensive questioning the suspect would say absolutely nothing about anyone else possibly having been involved.

Redding gave these other

details.

— The gunman carried a few scraps of paper, not identified, but had no identification. "We made a skin search of him, checking that he had nothing on him to take his life." He is under a 24-hour guard.

— "We have advised him of his rights. He doesn't want a lawyer now."

— "We describe him as a male Caucasian, around 25, 5 feet 5 and about 120 pounds, swarthy complexion. His hair is described as wiry or bushy."

a.m., before Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Klein in the nearby Hall of Justice where he was charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

The man was arraigned as "John Doe" and was represented by the public defender. He was then returned to the city jail.

Chief Reddin said the man was an "extremely articulate and with a good vocabulary in talking about matters other than the shooting. But he refused to give even his name. He said he had a slight accent, seemingly either Cuban or Jamaican."

— The gun is the only evidence.

Did the gunman speak English?

"He didn't speak any English, but he obviously understood English, as at one time he responded with a 'yes.' But I don't know what the question was."

The chief said during the campaign Kennedy twice was offered a police bodyguard, and each time refused.

The suspect was whisked to a secret arraignment at 7 a.m., before Municipal Judge