

'Polka Dot' Girl Found

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An exotic belly dancer who said she believes she is the "young woman in a polka dot dress" sought in connection with the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy gave herself up to the sheriff's department yesterday.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess said the girl denied knowing the suspected assassin—

Sirhan Sirhan—but said she saw him before the crime near the Ambassador Hotel hallway where Kennedy was shot.

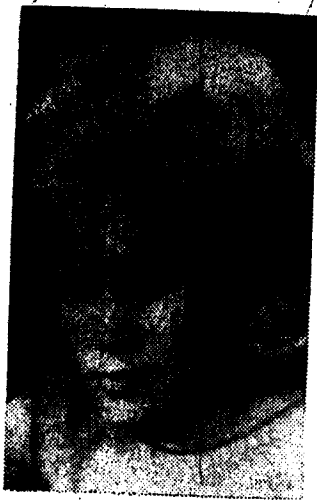
Shortly after Pitchess' announcement, the Los Angeles Police Department said it had questioned and released two other possible "polka dot" girls.

Police had put out an all points bulletin for a woman a Kennedy worker said she saw

running from the building after the crime, screaming, "We shot him." The witness said the woman wore a polka dot dress.

Pitchess said the girl who gave herself up—identified as Kathy Fulmer, 19, of Los Angeles—told him she had been near the Senator when he was shot, had been wearing a polka dot scarf, and

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CATHY FULMAN
A belly dancer

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had run from the building after the shooting.

But she insisted she had shouted, "They shot him," not "We shot him," Pitchess said, and she denied any connection with the shooting.

After talking with Pitchess and his investigators, the girl was questioned by Los Angeles Police Department detectives.

Pitchess said the girl had seen news accounts of the description, "taken some time to think about it, and decided to call us."

The sheriff said he had no details concerning the young woman's address or employment, but other local officials said a records check showed she had worked recently as an exotic belly dancer.