

Sirhan Had Auto Parked Near Hotel

Los Angeles

A pink and white automobile belonging to accused assassin Sirhan Sirhan was found parked near the Ambassador Hotel with an overtime parking ticket on the windshield.

Recovery of the auto, a 1956 De Soto, was announced yesterday by police to clear up a mystery plaguing investigators since the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in a kitchen corridor at the hotel.

The automobile was parked on the east side of New Hampshire avenue, 200 feet south of Wilshire boulevard. A key found in Sirhan's possession fit the door and ignition switch of the car which bore registration papers showing his Pasadena address.

Officers had tried the key on several automobiles, including one parked in front of the hotel. The key fit the ignition switch of that car, a 1959-Chrysler, but the owner turned out to be a hotel worker who had no connection with Sirhan.

Sirhan's car was towed to an impound lot to be held as evidence.

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L.A. Police Tracking Down Flood of 'Conspiracy' Tips

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Los Angeles police have received "literally hundreds of tips" that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy, not a lone assassin, it was learned yesterday.

"We're running down every scrap of this information," said a top police spokesman. "We'd be silly if we didn't."

But, he added, police have not retreated an iota from their earlier conviction that Sirhan Sirhan, the man in custody, acted alone.

"All evidence, despite the host of tips we're receiving, points to a lone assassin," he said.

However, investigators are discarding no leads, no matter how frivolous they appear on the surface.

Some they are pursuing with a vigor that embellishes them with a credibility they may not deserve.

One of these, for instance, concerns a story told by a water geologist just returned to the United States after working 5½ years for the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture.

W. J. Wood, 43, said he overheard three men speaking in Arabic in Kennedy headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard last Sunday night,

A 'Harried,' Distressed President

Washington

A Congressman who visited the White House yesterday said President Johnson looked "harried with circles under his eyes."

Representative Henry Gonzalez (Dem-Texas), a close friend of Mr. Johnson, quoted the President as saying: "Henry, you can imagine what we've been going through the last few days—what has been happening."

Gonzalez said Mr. Johnson apparently has spent "some sleepless nights" and was saddened by the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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and he told police the conversation struck him as suspicious—especially since one of the three, he believes, was Sirhan.

At first the three spoke in English, said Wood, who

identified himself as a volunteer campaign worker for the Senator.

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When they switched to Arabic, using a Jordanian dialect, said Wood, he overheard one say:

"He won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night, but we can get him there the next night (Tuesday)."

Wood said he speaks and understands five Arabic dialects, including the one in which the three talked.

He said the three reappeared at the headquarters Monday night, but that he dismissed the conversation until he saw a photograph of Sirhan on Wednesday after the fatal shooting.

Police inspector Peter Hagen confirmed that Wood had been questioned about the conversation.

He said officers had no reason to doubt Wood's sincerity, but "put no credence" in the story as far as its being an indicator of a conspiracy.

"The statements could have been made, but interpreted out of context and totally irrelevant to the murder," Hagen said.

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