

Plans for Choosing Sirhan's Lawyer

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A lawyer chosen by the Los Angeles County Bar Association and approved by the defendant will represent Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused as the assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A. L. Wirin, Southern California chief counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, made that announcement yesterday before visiting the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant, who is held under close guard at the county central jail.

Wirin said he would not discuss what Sirhan tells him and is limiting all statements to comply with a sweeping security court order issued Friday when Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon arraigned Sirhan.

Wirin said many attorneys have offered to represent Sirhan, but he would not name them. So far Sirhan has been represented by the public defender's office.

Whoever is chosen, "big or small," will serve without fee, Wirin said. He added that Sirhan has no complaints about the way his case has been handled so far.

Judge Alarcon's order banned discussion of the case by any public official, lawyer or subpoenaed witness, to safeguard Sirhan's civil rights.

Wirin said he feels the order is "exemplary" and hopes it will serve as an example for a court rule for application in Los Angeles County to "every person charged with a crime."

The suspect has not said a word to anyone about the fatal shooting of Kennedy in a kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel early Wednesday morning, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office said. The one-time race-track exercise boy and health food store clerk who came to the United States from Arab Jerusalem 11 years ago, is eating three meals a day in his cell in the hospital ward of the county jail. He sleeps

well and takes exercise daily by walking up and down the jail corridor, a spokesman for the sheriff's office said. A.P. & U.P.