

## Sirhan Is Transferred Secretly To Downtown Los Angeles Jail

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LOS ANGELES, July 8 — Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of assassinating Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was transferred yesterday from Central Jail to the Hall of Justice one mile away, in downtown Los Angeles.

The move was made without prior announcement and became known today through a brief statement by County Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.

"The transfer was accomplished in a routine manner and was part of an over-all previously scheduled program of security for the inmate," the Sheriff said.

The Hall of Justice is a 15-story building just off the Hollywood Freeway in the cluster of government buildings that make up Los Angeles's Civic Center. The jail, which comprises the top five floors, sits like a Roman temple atop the unadorned ten floors beneath it.

There are courtrooms on the eighth floor, and the ninth is devoted largely to passageways through which prisoners are led from the jail above to the courts below. Each courtroom is provided with its own stairway to the ninth floor.

### 'A Cell Within a Cell'

On the lower levels are the main offices of the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Coroner and the Sheriff.

Sirhan's new cell is described as "a cell within a cell." Windowless, green, equipped with commode, bunk, basin and metal mirror, it is like other cells at the holding facility except that it is surrounded by a barrier in which there is a thick glass through which he can communicate with visitors.

His attorney will be allowed in the cell.

The 6-by-8-foot cell is in a corridor separated from the rest of the jail. As at Central Jail, where the accused man was kept for 32 days, two sheriff's deputies, one inside, one outside the cell, stand 24-hour watch. The prisoner's food is prepared separately by especially picked personnel.

The sheriff said that three radio cars in convoy were used to transfer the prisoner at noon yesterday. Seven deputies were assigned to the detail.

Last week Donald R. Wright, presiding judge of the Superior Court, objected to security measures planned by the County Board of Supervisors.

Judge Wright, noting the board's appropriation of \$20,-

000 for special security measures in the case, reminded the board that the trial judge alone would decide what special precautions, if any, would be taken in the courtroom, especially in view of the possibility of a change of venue.

The board had considered—in addition to buttressing corridors in the Hall of Justice with armor plate—the building of a bullet-proof prisoner's dock in the courtroom.

Sirhan's next appearance in court is scheduled for July 19, when he is expected to enter his plea.