

**Police Say Sirhan Is Cleared
In Theft of Check in 1966**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (UPI) — Sirhan B. Sirhan has been cleared of any wrongdoing in the theft two years ago of a check for \$81.57, the Los Angeles Police Department reported Monday.

The matter came up during investigation of past activities of the Jordanian immigrant, who goes on trial Jan. 7 for murder in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

At a pretrial hearing Dec. 23, one of Sirhan's attorneys, Grant B. Cooper, asked Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker to have the District Attorney's office investigate a published report that Sirhan was believed to have cashed the stolen check.

Robert Houghton, chief of detectives, reported Monday that the check had been made out to Sirhan for services as an exercise boy at a Corona, Calif., horse ranch. The check was stolen and cashed by a fellow employe, investigation disclosed.