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Mrs. Mitchell Gives Details and Identity On Scuffle in Hotel

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) —Mrs. John N. Mitchell has identified the man who allegedly tore the telephone from the wall during her conversation with a reporter last June as the new head of security for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

In an interview with Clare Crawford published in today's Evening Star and News, Mrs. Mitchell also accused the new security chief, Steve King, of throwing her to the floor and kicking her when she resisted the efforts of a doctor to give her an injection. Mr. King refused to comment on the article, the Star-News said.

Mr. King was assigned as a bodyguard to Mrs. Mitchell at the time, The Star-News reported. He was later elevated to head of security after his boss, James W. McCord Jr., was arrested with four other persons in the alleged bugging-attempt at the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

That incident occurred the weekend before Mrs. Mitchell told a reporter she had given her husband, the former Attorney General, an ultimatum to resign as head of President Nixon's re-election campaign or lose her.

Mrs. Mitchell was in a hotel room in Newport Beach, Calif., at the time. The conversation was cut short when the telephone line went dead.

The Star-News said that Mrs. Mitchell stated that she had just told the reporter that politics was a dirty business when Mr. King jerked the telephone cord from the wall. She said he had also pulled the telephone from the wall in her daughter's room.

A doctor gave her an injection against her orders while Mr. King held her down, according to the article. Mrs. Mitchell said she had hurt her hand and that the wound had required six stitches.

The Star-News said that Mrs. Mitchell alleged that she had been kept a prisoner in the hotel room for 24 hours without food.