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SAN GABRIEL, CALIF. (AP)--POLICE WON'T COMMENT ON A GUNSHOP OWNER'S
DISCLOSURE THAT TWO MEN HELPED SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN BUY AMMUNITION
FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

BEN HERRICK, 42, OWNER OF THE LOCK, STOCK & BARREL IN THIS LOS
ANGELES SUBURB, SAID SATURDAY THAT THREE SMALL, SWARTHY MEN MADE A
ROUTINE PURCHASE THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 1 OF FOUR BOXES OF .22-CALIBER
AMMUNITION.

ONE OF THE MEN, HERRICK TOLD NEWSMEN, WAS SIRHAN, 24-YEAR-OLD
JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT ACCUSED OF MURDERING KENNEDY WITH A .22-CALIBER
REVOLVER ON JUNE 5.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT HERRICK'S STATEMENT, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT HOUGHTON
SAID ONLY, "WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THAT GENERAL AREA OF INFORMATION."

HERRICK ALSO SAID THE THREE MEN ATTEMPTED TO BUY ARMOR-PIERCING .357
MAGNUM AMMUNITION, USED IN .38-CALIBER REVOLVERS.

"I TOLD THEM WE DIDN'T HAVE IT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE TO SELL THAT
KIND OF STUFF TO GUYS LIKE THAT. THEY HAD NO BUSINESS HAVING THAT
STUFF."

HE SAID HE SELLS .357 SHELLS ONLY TO POLICE OFFICERS.

HE SOLD THE MEN FOUR BOXES OF .22-CALIBER BULLETS FOR \$3.99. GRAND
JURY TESTIMONY INDICATED THE SALE WAS TRACED TO THE SAN GABRIEL
STORE THROUGH AN INVOICE FOUND IN A CAR REGISTERED TO SIRHAN, PARKED
NEAR THE HOTEL WHERE KENNEDY WAS SLAIN.

TWO OF THE FOUR BOXES CONTAINED MINI-MAG (MINIATURE MAGNUM) SHELLS,
WHICH HERRICK DESCRIBED AS "THE MOST POWERFUL BULLET WHICH WILL FIT A
REGULAR .22". A FLAP ON THE BOX READ, "DANGEROUS WITHIN 1 1/4 MILES".

A CLERK, LARRY K. ARNOT, 36, MADE OUT THE INVOICE. BOTH HE AND
HERRICK'S WIFE, DONA, SAID THEY TALKED BRIEFLY WITH THE MEN, BUT THAT
POLICE HAD REQUESTED THEM NOT TO REPEAT THE CONVERSATION.

MRS. HERRICK SAID THE SAME THREE MEN HAD ENTERED THE SHOP IN APRIL
AND ASKED FOR .357 MAGNUM AMMUNITION, BUT THAT NO SALE WAS MADE.

HERRICK'S DISCLOSURE WAS THE SECOND INDICATION THAT THE ASSASSINATION
MAY HAVE BEEN A CONSPIRACY. A WITNESS TOLD POLICE SHE SAW A DARK-HAIRED
GIRL IN A POLKA-DOT DRESS RUN FROM THE HOTEL AFTER THE SHOOTING SHOUT-
ING, "WE SHOT KENNEDY."

POLICE HAVE TALKED TO THREE GIRLS WHO SAY THEY WERE AT THE HOTEL IN
POLKA-DOT DRESSES, BUT ALL HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

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