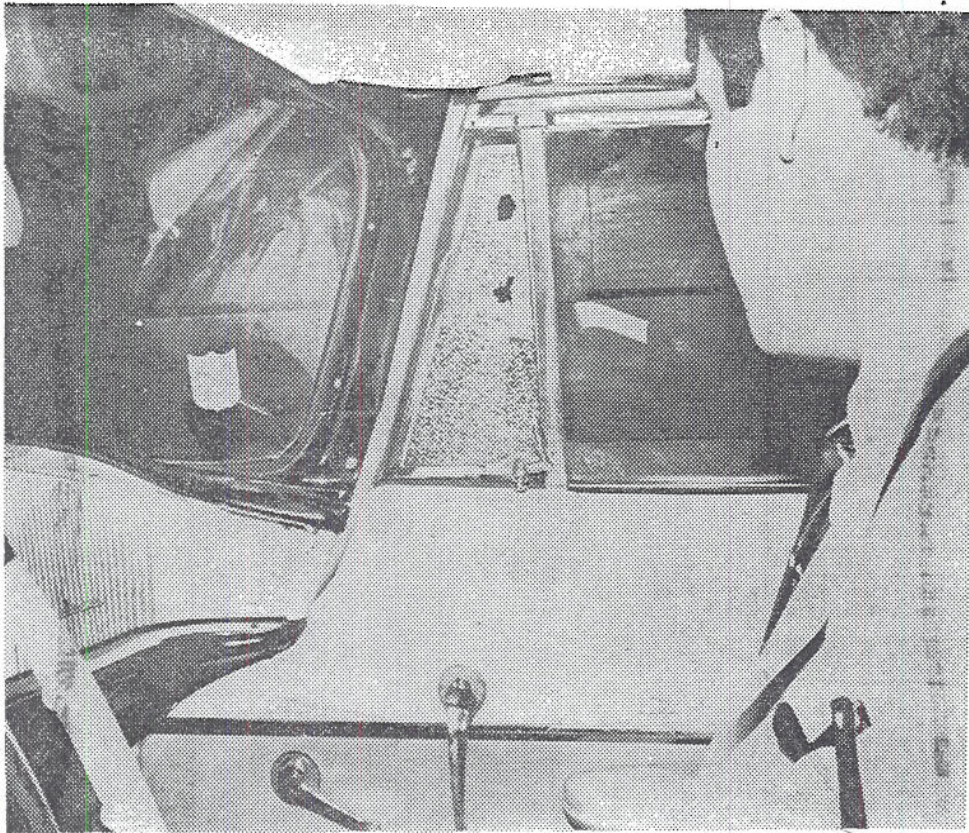


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A NEWSMAN INSPECTS THE TWO bullet holes in the car of Saidallah B. Sirhan, the brother of Sirhan Sirhan, who is the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Saidallah Sirhan, of Pasadena, Calif., told police two shots were fired at him from a vehicle as he was driving home on the freeway.

Sirhan Brother Says 2 Shots Fired Into Car

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of the man accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, says two men fired at him as he drove on a freeway.

Sirhan, 35, told police the shots were fired from one of two cars that pulled alongside his after following him for six miles before dawn yesterday on the Pasadena Freeway.

THE FIRST bullet struck a coat lying on the back seat of his car and the second zipped past his head and buried itself in the door beside him, he said.

"If he had been sitting upright, the projectile probably would have passed through his neck," a Pasadena police officer said.

The cars turned in opposite directions after another 100 yards at the end of the freeway, Sirhan said, and he proceeded directly to the Pasadena police headquarters.

There, persistent and lengthy police questioning led some observers to speculate that police doubted some details of the account.

BUT POLICE Lt. Gerald Wright said he had "no doubt at all" about the incident.

"We're taking it for a fact right now," he said.

Sirhan's 24-year-old brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, is in Los Angeles County jail awaiting trial on charges he shot Kennedy early June 5 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Second eldest of the five Sirhan brothers, Saidallah Sirhan is single and unemployed and lives in a Pasadena apartment away from the Sirhan family home.

THE SIRHAN home is under heavy police guard and police earlier urged him to move into it. After yesterday's shooting, police said, Sirhan was offered protection but he said he didn't believe he needs it.

Sirhan told officers he was driving home about 4:30 a. m. after an unsuccessful attempt to reach a woman reporter from an underground newspaper. He noticed two cars following him, he said, one on the right with four men and the other on the left with three men.

Suddenly they pulled abreast, he said, and a man—possibly the driver—in one car pointed a pistol at him and fired one shot.

THE SHOT shattered the right wing window of his car.

Sirhan said he threw himself to the right, seconds before the second shot hit the door beside him.

Saidallah Sirhan entered the United States from his native Jordan in June 1960, nearly three years after his mother and three of his brothers—including Sirhan Sirhan—had immigrated here.