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Sirhan Trial 250

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LOS ANGELES AP - Sirhan Bishara Sirhan apparently will be tried on the basis that he alone murdered Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The chief deputy district attorney, Lynn D. Compton, said at a hearing Monday that the investigation of other possible suspects "is negative and of little value to anyone." This was the first public statement along those lines by the prosecution.

The defense requested-and received-a delay from Nov. 1 to Dec. 9 for the start of the trial.

Monday's hearing, lasting 71 minutes, was the seventh and longest for Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian immigrant. Sitting in a padded chair, he leaned over from time to time to confer with his attorney, Russell E. Parsons.

His only statement came when Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker asked if he would waive the statutory time for his case to be heard. "Yes, sir, I will," Sirhan replied swiftly, in a low voice.

Sirhan again wore a tieless blue shirt with gray slacks lighter than ones he has worn before. He waved to his mother, Mary, and brother Mumir, 21, who sat across the improvised courtroom near his heavily guarded jail cell.

In asking the trial postponement Parsons said another defense lawyer, still unidentified, remains involved in another case.

Parsons later told newsmen he understand a New York attorney, known as "one of the ablest in America," also will join the defense, making it a three-man team. Parsons said the New Yorker had volunteered but refused to identify him.

Parsons told newsmen "we have seen no evidence of a conspiracy" and said Sirhan does have a valid defense.

Kennedy was fatally wounded just after proclaiming victory in California's Democratic primary to a crowd of supporters.

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