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# Sirhan Aides Rap Death Penalty

Attorneys for Sirhan B. Sirhan challenged the death penalty and claimed illegal search today in the conviction and sentencing of Sirhan in the 1968 slaying of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

In a closing brief, the attorneys argued Sirhan's bedroom and personal belongings were illegally searched because his brother could not give permission while Sirhan was in custody.

They argued that Sirhan is being subjected to cruel and inhuman punishment in violation of the 8th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution by being sentenced to death.

Luke McKissick, a Los Angeles attorney, signed the 55-page brief which supplements a 700-page opening brief filed earlier.

Sirhan, 27, was convicted of murdering Kennedy on June 5, 1968, and sentenced to death at San Quentin Prison.