



November 15, 1994

Rose Lynn Mangan
4443-5 Highway 50 East
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Request to Examine Gun Sale Receipt

Dear Ms. Mangan

This is in response to your October 28, 1994 request and an October 24, 1994 letter from Sirhan Sirhan, authorizing you and others to review and examine the original gun sale receipt maintained by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The original gun sale receipt in question is Dealer's Record of Sale of Pistol or Revolver (DROS) Register Number C675755, related to a sale of a .22 caliber, Iver Johnson, serial number H53725, to a Albert Leslie Hertz on August 10, 1965, by the Pasadena Gun Shop.

On November 3, 1994, I called you and advised that the DROS register you wished to examine may be destroyed because DOJ has a 20-year retention period for DROS registers. However, I further advised you that all the old original DROS registers were maintained by the State Records Center (SRC) and we would make a request to SRC to search and pull DROS Register Number C675755. The request to SRC was made on November 4, 1994. During our conversation, you requested a copy of DOJ's Retention Schedule related to DROS register documents, which I have enclosed.

I further advised you that since the DROS Register C675755 reflected the sale of a handgun to a Albert Leslie Hertz, Mr. Sirhan's authorization to inspect the DROS register was not valid. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 11106, DROS register information is confidential. Therefore, if DOJ's original copy of DROS Register Number C675755 is still maintained, Mr. Sirhan's attorney would be required to subpoena DOJ to examine the register.

On November 8, 1994, the Department received notice from SRC that they were unable to locate the original DROS Register Number C675755. In addition, DOJ staff and myself conducted a diligent search of the Department's historical file and found No Record of the original DROS Register Number C675755. As a result, I believe that DROS Register Number C675755 has been destroyed in accordance with DOJ's retention policy.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 227-3249.

GEORGE HISAMOTO, Supervisor
Automated Property, Firearms
and Dealer Licensing Section

Spec. Op. #
Enclosure

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Los Angeles Police Department
PROPERTY REPORT

CHECK ONE TYPE ONLY

Evidence Found Evidence Property Safekeeping

DR 68-521466

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1. 696 G HOWARD ST. PASADENA		PERSON PROPERTY BOOKED TO (Last, First, Middle) 1. SIRHAN, SIRHAN BISHARA		RES. PHONE UNK	BUS. PHONE UNK
RESIDENCE ADDRESS " " " "		ARRESTEE'S NAME 2. " " " "		CHARGE 187 P.C.	SEC. NO. 495139
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 3.		VICTIM OR OWNER'S NAME 3. KENNEDY, ROBERT F.		RES. PHONE -	BUS. PHONE -
RESIDENCE ADDRESS 4.		PERSON REPORTING TO POLICE DEPT. (Last, First, Middle) 4. REPORTING OFFICER		RES. PHONE -	BUS. PHONE EXT 4076 MA 95211
DATE & TIME THIS REPORT 6-6-68 9:45 AM	PROP. BKD. AT Ramp	INV. DIV. Ramp	DATE & TIME PROPERTY TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY - LOCATION - CITY OR REPORTING DEST. 6-6-68 8:40 AM GOOD SAMARITAN HOSP 249		
Evidence: BOOK TO ARRESTEE. IF NONE, BOOK TO VICTIM. Found Evidence: BOOK TO OFFICER IF NO ARRESTEE OR VICTIM. Found Property: BOOK TO ACTUAL FINDER. Safekeeping: BOOK TO DEPOSITOR, OWNER OR PERSON IN LAWFUL POSSESSION. (Separate reports are required for each different classification of property)		TYPE OF PREMISES HOSP MORGUE		TYPE OF PROPERTY Bullet - RAMP (NOTES) RAMP	
		DIV. OR CITY & DATE CRIME OCCURRED RAMP 6-5-68		LIST ANY CONNECTING REPORTS BY TYPE & DR. NO. Crimes, Arrest, Death, etc. ABV	
		IS THIS STOLEN PROPERTY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN		PROBABLE CRIME MURDER	
				Prints - Photo - S.I.B. - Other <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

5 SHOTS FIRED

(1) IF STOLEN IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES EACH CASE MUST BE COVERED BY CRIME AND FOLLOW-UP REPORTS. (2) DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES RESULTING IN BOOKING OF THIS PROPERTY. (3) GIVE ADDRESS, TIME AND/OR PHONE NUMBER WHERE CONCERNED PERSON(S) MAY BE CONTACTED BY DAY INVESTIGATORS IF NOT LISTED, OR OTHER THAN ABOVE. (4) ITEMIZE AND DESCRIBE ALL PROPERTY. GIVE ALL SERIAL NUMBERS AND OTHER MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION. LIST ONLY ONE ARTICLE ON A LINE. SERIAL NUMBER(S) AND ENGRAVING

Item # 52 TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY ON 6-5-68 12:00 PM FROM THE DESK AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL BY LT. C. HUGHES, RAMP DETS. ITEM # 52 CONSIST OF A HAND WRITTEN LETTER TO THE DECEASED, FROM A WILLIAM F. CROSSON. THIS LETTER WAS LEFT AT THE HOTEL DESK ADDRESSED TO THE DECEASED. ITEM # 53 WAS REMOVED FROM THE 6TH CERVICAL VERTEBRAE (RT SIDE) OF THE DECEASED DURING THE AUTOPSY AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MORGUE. ITEM # 53 WAS TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY BY SGT. W. C. JORDAN # 7167, RAMP DETS WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE AUTOPSY. SGT JORDAN TRANS ITEM # 53 TO RAMP DETS AT WHICH TIME IT WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY OROZCO # 11072, RAMP DETS & LEO AS ABV. ITEM # 54 WAS REMOVED FROM THE ARRESTEE'S VEH BY OFC KREMPLER # 12657 AT THE TIME VEH WAS IMP. BY VICIATEL'S. ITEM # 53 BKD AT RAMP PROP. ITEMS # 52 & 54 BKD AT RAMP PROP. CRIME LAB NOTIFIED FOR COMPARISON OF ITEM # 53 WITH GUN OF ARRESTEE.

52 7 LETTER & ENVELOP WHICH IS ADDRESSED SENATOR R. E. KENNEDY. ENVELOP MARKED CMO FOR ID

53 1 Slug, 22cal long, Package - CORONER'S CASE # 68-5731

54 1 CITATION # 39 43559

If additional space is required, use Continuation Sheet, Form 15.9.

SUPERVISOR APPROVING Sgt J.F. Malach 353	SERIAL NO.	REPORTING OFFICER(S) - SER. NO. - DIV. - DETL. Sgt Orzco 11072 Ramp	PERSON REPORTING (Signature) X
DATE & TIME REPRODUCED - DIVISION - CLERK 6-6-68-1050A-2-RP			INDEXED CHECKED

PROPERTY REPORT

Wolfer # 2

Handy p. 6-2-68
Mr. Rogelke placed his initials
"TN 31" on bullet base
note - Crocco omits this ID marking on

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L.A. PD Prof. Ryo 5

1 MR. MINER: Mr. Foreman, I have here an envelope
2 marked 5-A. May this be Grand Jury Exhibit 5-A?

3 THE FOREMAN: Permission granted.

4 Q BY MR. MINER: Doctor, I show you Grand
5 Jury Exhibit 5-A, and I ask whether or not that --

6 MR. MINER: In marking that, Mr. Foreman, may the
7 envelope and its contents be marked 5-A?

8 THE FOREMAN: So ordered.

9 Q BY MR. MINER: Is the contents of 5-A the
10 bullet that you retrieved from Senator Kennedy's back?

11 Would you examine the contents, please?

12 A Yes. This is the bullet which I
13 personally retrieved from the Senator Kennedy.

14 Q And how do you know that that is the bullet
15 that you retrieved?

16 A Well, I placed my identifying mark, T.N.,
17 my initials, and last number of a Medical Examiner
18 Coroner's Case Number 68-5731; so I placed "31," -- it is
19 very clearly visible on the base of this bullet.

20 Q After you retrieved Grand Jury Exhibit 5-A
21 from Senator Kennedy's back and you marked it as you have
22 described, what did you do with Grand Jury Exhibit 5-A,
23 the bullet?

24 A After documented, I handed it to the
25 authorized detective who was present at the special
26 autopsy room and the person representing was from the

wafer #4

To why did Crocco 11072 not not get Jordan's report fill out & book Kennedy neck bullet into evidence with LAPD Property Report? And why didn't Crocco record ID marking "R31" in the column provided?

1 Los Angeles Police Department.

2 Q Would you give us the name of that officer,
3 please, or may I ask you, was that Officer or Sergeant
4 Bill Jordan of Rampart Detectives, Los Angeles Police
5 Department; is that correct?

6 A That's correct, sir.

7 Q At what time did you hand Grand Jury
8 Exhibit 5-A to Sergeant Jordan?

9 A The bullet was recovered 8:45 a.m. on
10 June the 6th, 1968, and I hand this bullet to Sergeant
11 Jordan at 8:49 a.m. of the same date, sir.

12 Q Doctor, I take it then -- or would you
13 tell us, do you have an opinion as to whether or not the
14 wounds you have designated, 2 and 3, contributed to the
15 Senator's death?

16 A As far as how significant they contributed,
17 this will depend entirely upon evaluation of fatal gunshot
18 wound.

19 Q Let me withdraw the question as phrased.
20 I think it wasn't too eloquently put. I will try it this
21 way, if I may, Doctor.

22 Do you have an opinion as to whether or
23 not Wound 2 would, by itself, have been fatal?

24 A Unlikely.

25 Q And do you have an opinion as to whether
26 Wound 3 by itself would have been fatal?

Wagner #5

Officer Orozco's LAPD Property Report

Sgt. W.C. Jordan, #7167 received the Robert F. Kennedy neck bullet in the Good Samaritan Hospital Morgue from the hand of Dr. Thomas Noguchi on the morning of 6-6-68.

Therefore, it was Sgt. Jordan and not Officer L.M. Orozco who should have booked the Kennedy neck bullet in the LAPD Property Report.

Close examination on this LAPD Property Report clearly shows there is a column at the right which reads "SERIAL NUMBER (S) AND ENGRAVING"

Officer Orozco IGNORED that box which called for the serial number of the evidence he is recording. What he does instead is to replace it with the coroner's case #68-5731 (in the place of the ID engraving TN31).

Officer Orozco describes the following:

" (item #) 53 (quantity) 1 SLUG .22 cal long, Package – coroners case #68-5731"

The first problem I have with Officer Orozco is the fact the he totally IGNORED the requirement of the column at the right which called for the serial number of the item of evidence that is being placed in evidence.

The second problem is that there is a serious break in the chain of custody. Sgt. Jordan and not Officer Orozco should have filed this LAPD Property Report since it was Jordan and not Orozco who received the bullet from the hand of Dr. Noguchi.

This goes beyond being sloppy or careless - something as important as the bullet removed from the body of Robert F. Kennedy was haphazardly lumped together with Item # 52 and Item # 54 in this LAPD Property Report.

What has Item #52 to do with Item # 53? After all we are dealing with the assassination of a U.S. Senator and not a garden variety murder case.

There is only one conclusion one reaches from Orozco's filing of this unacceptable LAPD Property Report and that is without the recording of the engraving TN31 on the base of the Kennedy neck bullet there is no guarantee that this is the real and not a substituted bullet that was placed in evidence.

Here is the reason: The 1975 Patrick Garland Evidence Inventory records the incorrect engraving "DW""TN" on the base of the Kennedy neck bullet instead of Dr. Noguchi's engraving TN31.

Wolfer #6

For the above reasons we have no way of knowing with an absolute certainty if the evidence Officer Orozco delivered to DeWayne Wolfer for him to examine was fake or the real thing.

Therefore, through no fault of Officer Wolfer his Reports must be open to question. We have no way of knowing what evidence Wolfer was given.

This LAPD Property Report is not Officer Orozco's only serious problem with recording ballistics evidence. I refer to his LAPD Property Report for the Weisel bullet. That too calls for an investigation.

Rose Lynn Mangan 8-23-2015

Wolfer 6a