

1 A I put them in a manila envelope and sometime
2 later I made up the name and address.

3 Q Why did you want to keep three of them out?

4 A Because all of the bullets had not been identified,
5 as I recall. There were some of the bullets in the victim
6 that had not been recovered, that we were to take out at a
7 later time.

8 We attempted to take out -- at a later time.

9 Q What did you mark the four bullets with? Did
10 you mark them in any way, the bullets that went in to the
11 Grand Jury?

12 A I put my initials on them, yes.

13 Q Which one of the four did you identify as the
14 matching bullet taken from the victim? *Wolfe 2/1/71 257*

15 A I did not identify any of those four. I said
16 these were bullets that were used. But actually one of the
17 three bullets that I took -- the better bullets -- would
18 be one of the better matching bullets.

19 Q Now, the bullets in the Grand Jury became what
20 exhibit, do you recall?

21 A I would have no idea.

22 Q All right.

23 Well, you testified in the Grand Jury proceedings
24 that the bullets that were contained -- the four bullets
25 that were contained in the envelope, whatever designation it
26 had, matched, the bullets taken from the victim; is that
27 correct?

28 A The Kennedy?

* sep. 62 *Spec Ex # Chapter XVIII c 2 (p 22)*

Wolfer's Log

EMPLOYEE'S REPORT

OF 6-20-68

Kind of Work Performed

6-20-68 to Present

Room 413, Firearms-Explosives

DIVISION OF OCCURRENCE
S.I.D.

Part Name and Title, Division

Sgt. D.W. Mann, C-I-C, Criminalistics Section, S.I.D.

DATE & TIME REPORTED
6-20-68

June 5, 1968 - Wednesday

- 1:00 a.m. - Received call at home
- 2:00 a.m. - Arrived at Ambassador.
Crime Scene - Sgt. MacArthur
Photographer - Charles Collier
Orientation photos taken.
Crime scene search for physical evidence.
- 4:00 a.m. - Requested Sergeant LaVallee for crime scene sketch.
Reconstruction of firing positions.
Second (2nd) search of crime scene.
- 8:00 a.m. - Returned to Parker Center for more equipment.
- 8:30 a.m. - Rampart Station - Lt. Hughes to discuss case.
- 9:30 a.m. - Ambassador Hotel - Further search of crime scene.
- 10:30 a.m. - Swept entire floor surface of kitchen and west ante
room.
Searched debris for physical evidence.
- 1:30 p.m. - Parker Center.
- 1:45 p.m. - Central Property - Parker Center.
- Item #29 - Poss. 22 cal. slug (Stroll)
 - Item #22 - Iver Johnson Rev.
 - Item #12 - 8 expended shells
 - Item #1 - 22 cal. slug (Goldstein)
 - Item #2 - Mt. slip
 - Item #3 - Receipt
- 2:00 p.m. - Laboratory.
Examined Iver Johnson to determine number of shots
fired.
Type of ammunition used.
Working conditions of weapon.
- 3:30 p.m. - Examination of ceiling tile from scene.
Chemical and microscopic.
- 5:30 p.m. - End of Watch.

DATE & TIME TYPED 6-20-68 11/AM
DIVN RPTG S.I.D.
SUPERVISOR APPROVING

CLERK
EMPLOYEE(S) REPORTING
Dewayne A. Wolfer

SER. NO. 66727
S.I.D.

"Because the exhibits under the custody of the County Clerk's Office were handled, examined and photographed by unauthorized persons and mishandled by County Clerk exhibit personnel, there exists a reservation on the part of the 1971 Los Angeles County Grand Jury relating to the present integrity of the ballistics exhibits which were introduced into evidence both during the Grand Jury presentation on June 7, 1968, and during the subsequent trial of the defendant Sirhan B. Sirhan. Since this evidence is presently out of the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County, we are unable to substantiate these reservations."

Following the District Attorney's extensive investigation into the handling of the exhibits and the Grand Jury inquiry, the investigation into Mrs. Blehr's charges continued.

SUMMARY

The basic errors in the Blehr allegations stem from two related incidents:

(1) L.A.P.D. criminalist DeWayne Wolfer mislabeled the envelope which was received in court as People's Exhibit No. 55. The envelope contained three bullets test-fired by Mr. Wolfer from the gun taken from Sirhan B. Sirhan (Serial No. H53725). Mr. Wolfer mistakenly labeled the envelope with the serial number H18602. The latter is the serial number of an Iver-Johnson .22 calibre cadet model gun -- the same make and model as the weapon seized from Sirhan -- which Mr. Wolfer used for other Sirhan case tests on June 11, 1968, five days after he tested the Sirhan weapon.

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Report of Joe P. Busch
Oct 18, 1971

On June 6, 1968, Mr. Wolfer recovered seven bullets which were test-fired into a water tank from the Sirhan gun (H53725). All seven bullets were compared with the bullet removed from the sixth cervical vertebra of Senator Kennedy. After making these comparisons, Mr. Wolfer positively identified the Sirhan gun as having fired the bullet removed from Senator Kennedy.

Four of the seven test bullets were introduced before the Grand Jury as Grand Jury Exhibit No. 5-B on June 7, 1968. Three of the remaining bullets remained under lock and key in the custody of Mr. Wolfer for comparison with bullets not yet recovered from other Sirhan victims. These were the three bullets which later made up Exhibit No. 55 at the trial in the mislabeled envelope.

(2) Mr. Wolfer conducted two series of ballistic tests. The first was conducted on June 6, 1968, with the gun seized from Sirhan B. Sirhan and the bullets from this test were used to identify the bullets removed from the victims of the crime.

The second tests were conducted on June 11, 1968, and Mr. Wolfer used a weapon obtained from the Property Division of L.A.P.D. The use of this weapon (Serial No. H18602) was necessitated by the fact that Sirhan's weapon had been entered in evidence before the Grand Jury and a court order restricted its availability. The second tests were conducted to determine sound

*Busch Report
Oct 18 '51*

characteristics and to verify muzzle distance by examining gun-
powder patterns. This gun was destroyed in July 1969 in accor-
dance with State law.

With the background of these two factors -- the mislabeling of the envelope and the instance of separate tests with separate guns for separate ballistic purposes -- Mrs. Blehr's charges may be examined.

(1) Mrs. Blehr alleges that Wolfer testified that Sirhan's gun (Serial No. H53725) fired bullets into three victims and the envelope of Court Exhibit No. 55 indicates that another gun (Serial No. H18602) fired the three bullets removed from the victims. She further alleges that he thus violated the fundamental firearm identification "precept" that "positive identification of an evidence bullet as having been fired from a particular gun and no other must be based on a comparison of the evidence bullet with a test bullet recovered from the same evidence gun and no other."

Our investigation reveals that the first allegation is the result of a mislabeled envelope and not the firing of another gun in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968. Mr. Wolfer,

Property Cards

re
evidence

LAPD FORM 10.7 (REV. FEB. 1964)

EVIDENCE FOUND PROPERTY
 FOUND EVIDENCE SAFEKEEPING

DATE: ~~May~~ **JUNE** 5, 1968
DR NO. 68 521 466

PROPERTY CARD

BOOKED TO: DOE, John #1 BOOKING NO. 495 139 OFFENSE: Att. Murder PROPERTY CLERK: 7

LOCATION: Rampart Dets BOOKED BY: Galkins #7287 DIV. AND DETAIL: HD

INVESTIGATORS: DIV: I.G. SENT-DATE: HOLD UNTIL: REASON:

OWNER (Found Property-Safekeeping ONLY): ADDRESS:

BIN NO.	ARTICLES	DATE OUT	TAKEN OUT BY	DATE IN	RETURNED BY
	Ser #H53725 #11 PKG: 22 cal Iver Johnson rev.	JUN 5 - 1968	Wolfer #6167 SID	JUN 5 - 1968	
	8 expended cases #12	JUN 5 - 1968	Wolfer #6167 SID	JUN 5 - 1968	
	PKG: 22 CAL R&O #12	JUN 5 - 1968	Wolfer #6167 SID		
	8 spent RDS	JUN 5 - 1968	Wolfer #6167 SID		
	PKG - ALL Contents Trans to SUS				AUG 24 1968
			CONFIDENTIAL SUS		

Wolfer didn't record the gun's serial number
Above appears to be two different guns on Date Out
problems I see: Moser #6167 SID takes H53725 out 6-5-68 +
Moser returns gun H53725 same date. But Wolfer takes out a
rev + spent ... on 6-5-68 but, no gun ID # given. Then "All
Contents trans to SUS 8-24-68" and marked "Confidential
SUS" How can this be? Because H53725 was under
sent with LACGT until Loring hearing (May '69). And
remember LACGT did not record the gun's serial number
into the record. So what was the gun # that entered
into evidence 6-7-68 with the LAC handling? It wasn't H53725

*I suspect gun never left Central Property (see Property/Prisoner Transfer Record) Ross, J. Mungon, Res...

PROPERTY/PRISONER TRANSFER RECORD

EVIDENCE FOUND EVIDENCE FOUND PROPERTY-HOLD FOR OWNER PERSONAL PROPERTY SAFEKEEPING PRISONER

INSTRUCTIONS: MARK (X) APPROPRIATE BOX FOR TYPE OF TRANSFER. MARK (X) 'PRISONER' AND 'REPORT' COLUMNS WHEN PRISONER IN CUSTODY. MARK (X) 'REPORT' COLUMN ONLY WHEN PRISONER IS 'OUT ON BAIL.'						DATE TRANSFERRED
						Aug. 24, 1968
NAME OF PERSON PROPERTY BOOKED TO OF NAME OF PRISONER TRANSFERRED	DATE BKD. & NR. OF BOOKING NO.	PRIS. (X)	REPT. (X)	PKG--BOL CTN--TGD	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	CASH
DOE, John #1	68-521 466 6-5-68		X	PKG	Ser H 53725 .22 Cal Iver Johnson Item 11 8--.Expended Cases Item 12	
<p><i>Confidential</i> <i>Refer to SUS</i></p>				PKG:	.22 Cal Slug Item 11B MT Slip Item 114 Receipt Item 115	
DIVISION TRANSFERRING	DESK OFFICER TRANSFERRING		PERSON TRANSPORTING (Sign.-Ser.No.-Div.)			
Central Property	Shin #25		J. Miller 11152 SUS			
DIVISION RECEIVING	PERSON RECEIVING (Signature-Serial No.)		DATE AND TIME RECEIVED			
SUS	[Signature]		AUG 24 1968 (S)			

See date gun ser # H53725 was transferred (8-24-68) to SUS.

So what was the ser. # of the gun entered into evidence on 6-7-68 with the LA C Grand Jury? ~~That~~ LACGJ transcript ~~did not~~ record the alleged ^{LACJ} ~~ser~~ gun's serial number. It w. simply recorded as Grand Jury #7 and the 8 shell casings as 7A. Additionally, LACGJ gun 7 was under seal by judge ~~discreet~~ court order until 5-16-69

Rose Lynn Mangen [Signature]

Los Angeles Police Department
PROPERTY REPORT

CHECK ONE
TYPE ONLY

Evidence Found Evidence Found Property Safekeeping

DR 68-521-466

REPORTER'S ADDRESS 1 TRON'S	PERSON REPORTING TO POLICE DEPT. (Last, First, Middle) 1 DOE JOHN #1	RES. PHONE	BUS. PHONE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	ARRESTEE'S NAME 2 SKAME	CHARGE 217 P.C.	BKG. NO. 195779
OFFICE ADDRESS	VICTIM OR OWNER'S NAME 3 KENNEDY ROBT F	RES. PHONE	BUS. PHONE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	PERSON REPORTING TO POLICE DEPT. (Last, First, Middle) 4 R.L. CALKINS HOMICIDES	RES. PHONE	BUS. PHONE

DATE & TIME THIS REPORT 6-5-68 5AM @ P	PROP. BKD. AT Rampart	INV. DIV. Rampart	DATE & TIME PROPERTY TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY - LOCATION - CITY OR REPORTING DIST. 6-5-68 145AM Rampart Dets	200
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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 POL STATION	TYPE OF PROPERTY REVOLVER	DIV. RPTG. HOMICIDE
	DIV. OR CITY & DATE CRIME OCCURRED Rampart 6-5-68	LIST ANY CONNECTING REPORTS BY TYPE & DR. CRIME OTHER PROPERTY	
	IS THIS STOLEN PROPERTY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	PROBABLE CRIME ATT MURDER	Prints - Photo - S.I.D. - Other <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	SERIAL NUMBERS AND ENGRAVING
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11 GUN, REVOLVER TIER JOHNSON "CADET" # H 35725
B/S 2 1/2" BBL 8 SHOT CAL. 22

12 BRASS, EXPENDED CAL. 22 "CCI" ON BASE
NOT MARKED FOR I.D.

PK GUN

ITEM # 11 OBTAINED FROM RAFFER JOHNSON AT
RAMPART DETS ON 6-5-68 AT 145 AM

ITEMS # 12 OBTAINED FROM RAFFER JOHNSON
AT RAMPART DETS ON 6-5-68 AT 145 AM
OBTAINED IN CHAMBER OF ABOVE REVOLVER

TO BE TAKEN TO S.I.D. FOR PRINT CHECK
OF EXPENDED BRASS CIGES

Handwritten notes and signatures:
AUG 2 1968
RESERVED
TH 5
56
1168
(21)

IF additional space is required use Criminology Dept. Form 35.9	SUPERVISOR APPROVING	SERIAL NO.	REPORTING OFFICER (Last, First, Middle, Initials) R.L. CALKINS 7287 HIX	PERSON REPORTING (Signature) R.L. CALKINS 10329
DATE OF REPORT (Month, Day, Year) 6-5-68 5:15 AM	INDEXED	CHECKED		

SHOTS FIRED

Patrick Harland Evidence Inventory

People's Exhibit No.	Panel ID No.	Description
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5B (Grand Jury) Tagged envelope, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope marked: Victim: Robert Kennedy
 Los Angeles Police Dept. Crime Lab Test Shot
 Name: Doe, John Date 6-5-68
 Address: _____
 Make: Iver Johnson Cal. .22 Type: Rev.
 No. H53725 DR# 68-521466
 Crime: 217 P.C. Officer: Melendez
 Signed: DeWayne A. Wolfer

Contents:

- D .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "D" on nose.
- E .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "E" on nose.
- F .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "F" on nose.
- G .22 LR HP Copper coated, No ID, "G" on nose.

NO SERIAL
 ←

6 Tagged Envelope, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope Marked: Evidence
 Date: 6-5-68 Div: H.D. DR# 68-521 466
 Name: Doe, John Booking # 495 139
 Location: Rampart Charge: 217 P.C.
 Officer: Calkins 7237 Div: HD
 1-Revolver Cal. .22

Contents:

Revolver, Iver Johnson "Cadet", caliber .22 LR.
 eight shot, blued steel, serial number: H53725,
 top strap marked: Iver Johnson Cadet Mod. 55-SA Pat. Pend.
 I. J. A. & C. Wks.
 Fitchburg, Mass. U.S.A.

note NO serial number in tagged envelope
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A form was designed so that each panel member could record data, based on his personal observation of the evidence. This form, when completed by all examiners, was used as a basis for the first joint report, as authorized by paragraph 1, Court Order #4, which reads:

"The panel of firearms examiners shall file joint reports as to:

(a) their determination whether or not the condition of any of the exhibits is such that at the present time a reliable firearms identification can be made, and

(b) their determination of the characteristics specified on page 8, lines 1 through 8, of the Order for Retesting of Exhibits dated September 18, 1975."

The joint report with a sampling of the individual worksheets follows.

People's Exhibit No.	Panel ID No.	Description
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52 Envelope marked: Evidence
 Date: 6-5-68 Div. Central DR. #68-521466
 Name: Sirhan, Sirhan B. Booking # 495139
 Location: 16237 Ventura Blvd. Charge 187 P.C.
 Officer: Feddema 11044 Div. W. Valley
 Item #113 - 1-Bullet expended .22 cal/
Goldstein

6 Contents:
 Vial: Bullet from Ira Goldstein Age 19
 Dr. M. Finkel Initialed DW P-ID-6
 1 copper colored coated bullet, .22 L.R., hollow point
 marked "DW" on nose, marked 6 on base.

53 Envelope Tagged, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope marked: Evidence
 Date: 6-6-68 Div: RAMP DR# 68-521466
 Name: Sirhan, Sirhan B. Booking # 495139
 Officer: Brandt 10004 RAMP
 Item #45 2 bullet fragments
Evans

7 Contents:
 Gauze containing approx. 5 fragments.
 Largest fragment copper coated lead, flattened.

54 Tagged Envelope, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope marked: Evidence
 Date: 6-6-68 Div: RAMP DR# 68-521466
 Name: Sirhan, Sirhan B. Booking # 495139
 Location: Kaiser Hospital Offense: 187 P.C.
 Officer: L.M. Orozco 11072 RAMP
 Item #56 1- bullet expended
Weisel

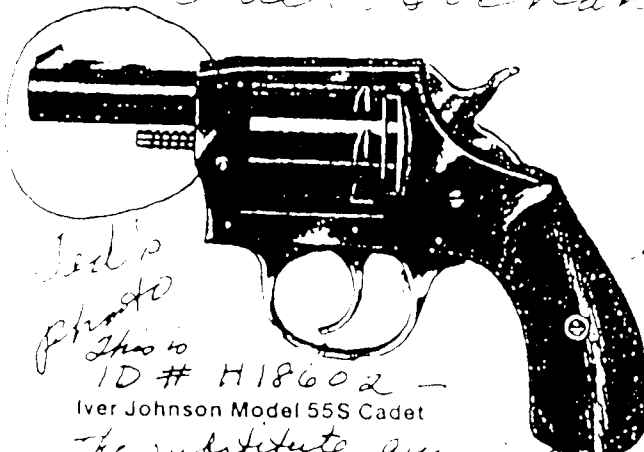
8 Contents:
 Vial: Weisel, William 6/5/68 Initialed "DW"
 1-copper colored coated bullet, .22 L.R. hollow point
 marked LM on base DW on ogive, 8 on nose.

55 Tagged Envelope, Case # A 233 421
 Envelope marked: Los Angeles Police Dept.
 Crime Lab Test Shot
 Name: Sirhan, S. B. Date: 6-6-68
 Make: I&J Cal. .22 Type: Rev.
 No. H 18602 DR # 68-521466
 Crime: 187 P.C.
 H- 18602 - Cadet Model

A .22 LR HP Copper coated "DW" on crimped nose
 B .22 LR HP Copper coated "DW" on crimped nose
 C .22 LR HP Copper coated "DW" on crimped nose.

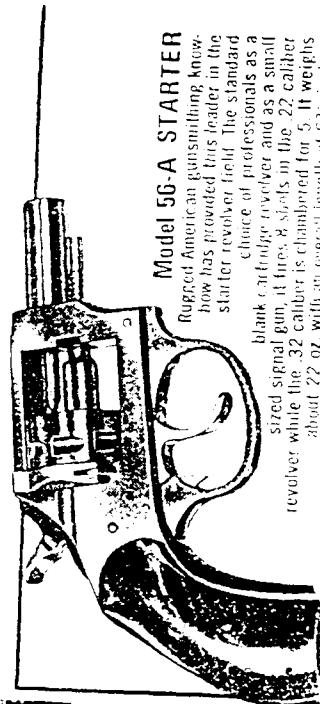
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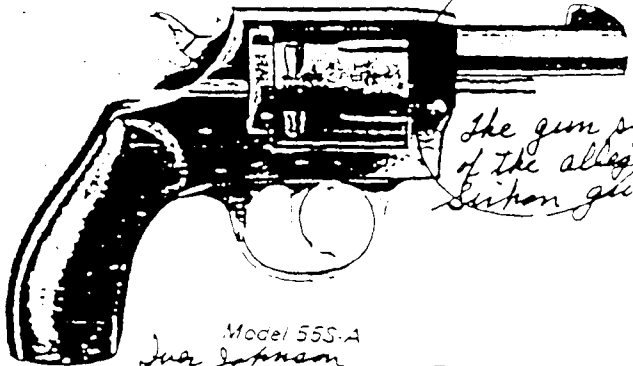


Ted's
photo
This is
ID # H18602 -
Iver Johnson Model 55S Cadet
The substitute gun in p. 35
(Source Ted Charach investigative files)

see pg 75



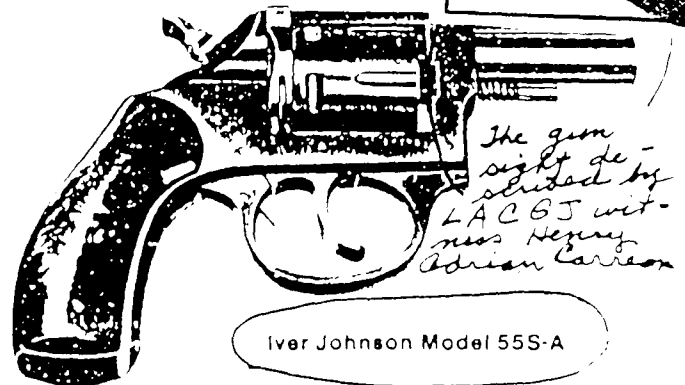
Model 56-A STARTER
Rugged American gunsmithing know-how has provided this leader in the starter revolver field. The standard choice of professionals as a blank or fringer revolver and as a small sized signal gun, it fires .32 S&W in the .22 caliber revolver while the .32 caliber is chambered for 5. It weighs about 22 oz. with an overall length of 6.1 inches.



The gun sight
of the alleged
Siskin gun

Model 55S-A
Iver Johnson
ID # H53725

(Source California State Archives,
Sacramento Ca Robert F. Kennedy /
Siskin Evidence
- see pg 44 -



The gun
sight de-
scribed by
LAC 65 wit-
ness Henry
Adrian Carreon

Iver Johnson Model 55S-A

(Source Los Angeles Co. Grand Jury 6-7
testimony of gun range witness Henry
Adrian Carreon)
- see LAC 65 transcript
pg 195 -