

innocuous subjects with them and left at approximately 7:15 p.m. The witnesses reported that Sirhan appeared normal and very friendly.

Sirhan was next seen by an electrician at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:45 p.m. He and Sirhan conversed generally and Sirhan asked him if he had ever seen Kennedy. Sirhan was holding a glass with a milky-looking liquid and he was very talkative. The electrician reported seeing Sirhan speak to a fireman; however, investigators could not determine his identity.

Between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Sirhan spoke to two young Mexican men in the Palm Court Room of the hotel. Sirhan allegedly spoke critically of Kennedy and described him as not caring about the poor people but rather that he sought to gain the presidency for personal reasons. Sirhan related that he had just spent \$20.00 for a drink at the Rafferty Headquarters to show off to a hostess who had "looked down at him".

Sometime after 9:30 p.m., a Western Union operator saw Sirhan near her teletype machine in the Colonial Room. After the shooting the operator saw the police taking Sirhan from the hotel. She believed that Sirhan recognized her as he was taken from the hotel. A hotel waiter also reported seeing Sirhan later, around 10 p.m., in the Palm Court Room.

Judy Royer, a Kennedy staff worker, reported asking Sirhan to leave the pantry area twice during the evening prior to

the shooting. Robert Klase, a Kennedy supporter, was standing in the anteroom to the kitchen at about 11 p.m., when Sirhan attempted to enter a nearby door. Klase had been asked to prevent admittance through that door; he tapped Sirhan on the shoulder and asked him to leave. Sirhan turned back into the Embassy Room.

Klase and Royer walked through the pantry area just prior to the shooting and did not see Sirhan. Sometime later Jesus Perez, a kitchen helper, was standing in the pantry as Kennedy was finishing his speech. Perez noticed that Sirhan was standing in the pantry. Sirhan asked the assembled employees several times if Kennedy would be coming through the pantry. They responded that they did not know. Perez recalled that Sirhan was twisting or folding some papers in his hands and that he appeared nervous.

Arrest and Arraignment

Instantly after the shooting, the crowd rushed at Sirhan. As Karl Uecker grabbed for Sirhan he observed another person hit Sirhan on the head. Joseph La Hive helped tackle Sirhan and twisted his legs up onto a serving table. Gabor Kadar jumped onto the table and struck Sirhan in the knee and chest. After Roosevelt Grier wrenched the gun from Sirhan, the group waited for the arrival of the police.

The initial officers at the scene removed Sirhan through the hostile crowd and placed him in the police vehicle. Sirhan was advised of his constitutional rights by Officer A. Placencia enroute to Rampart Station. Sirhan answered "Yes" when asked

where was Rhodes when shooting began?

popping sound similar to firecrackers. He saw his wife turn and run towards him. He was in the doorway leading to the podium when he grabbed his wife and she screamed, "Kennedy's been killed." He returned with his wife to the press room area. In his opinion the security in the hotel was lax.

RHODES, NINA

Mrs Rhodes worked in a fund raising capacity for the Kennedy campaign. On June 4, 1968, she arrived at the hotel approximately 8 p.m., and remained in the staff area (west of the stage) during the evening. During the Senator's speech they were informed that Kennedy would leave the stage to his right and enter the staff area. When he concluded his speech Senator Kennedy exited at the rear of the stage. She proceeded after the Senator who was about twenty-five feet in front of her. She was about six or seven feet from the kitchen door when she heard what sounded like firecrackers in a fast sequence. She saw red sparks in the pantry, pushed forward and saw Senator Kennedy falling to the floor. She observed the suspect wearing a powder blue jacket, but could not see his face. She ran back to the stage, became hysterical and recalls little after the shooting.

RICE, DONALD LLOYD

Mr. Rice met Sirhan while attending Pasadena City College in the summer of 1966. Sirhan had helped him in his study of Arabic languages. He considered Sirhan to be a serious, intelligent and a student type person. He originally met Sirhan through John Strathmann.

RICE, HOWARD

Howard Rice was employed at Jerry's Family Billiard Center, 30 North Lake, Pasadena. He said he occasionally saw Sirhan in the pool hall. He would sometimes play pool and other times he would loiter and chat with other young people. He last saw Sirhan in May 1968.

RICH, TOM

Richy reported that Terry Fell knew Sirhan at Pasadena City College, and that Fell knew of other schools attended by Sirhan. He stated that Sirhan was a friend of Davor Pevec, 1121 North Mentor Ave., Pasadena.

RICKETTS, JO

Miss Ricketts was the manager of the Burbank Hotel where she

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES IN KITCHEN

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| 1. | ROTHSTEIN, ALLEN | 16 | 26. | BEILINSON, DELORES | 12 | 51. | AUBRY, RICHARD | |
| 40 | 2. | GABOR, KADAR | 18 | 27. | ELMORE, RALPH | 41 | 52. | PLIMPTON, FREDY |
| 39 | 3. | BRUCE, RAE | | 28. | RUBIN, BARBARA | | 53. | HAMILL, PETE |
| 38 | 4. | PANDA, RONALD | 30 | 29. | DEAN, LARRY | | 54. | LAWN, CONSTANCE |
| 37 | 5. | JAYNE, DAVID | | 30. | CETINA, GONZALO | 42 | 55. | GUY, VIRGINIA |
| 36 | 6. | WILLAMAN, EARL | 17 | 31. | CASDEN, ROBIN | 44 | 56. | KAWELEC, STANLEY |
| | 7. | MAMEY, NORMAN | | 32. | DUTTON, FRED | 45 | 57. | URSO, LISA |
| | 8. | CLARK, SONIA | 29 | 33. | DI PIERRO, VINCENT | 43 | 58. | PLIMPTON, GEORGE |
| 27 | 9. | LA GUERRE, MICHELLE | 15 | 34. | BEILENSEN, ANTHONY | 46 | 59. | ROYER, JUDY |
| 28 | 10. | MANKIEWICZ, FRANK | 14 | 35. | UNRUH, JESSE | 48 | 60. | WAYNE, MICHAEL |
| 35 | 11. | CUMMINGS, JAMES | | 36. | BENNETT, RONALD | 47 | 61. | GALLIVAN, JACK |
| | 12. | MOONEY, GEONINE | 13 | 37. | DREW, RICHARD | 49 | 62. | ROSEN, RICK |
| 36 | 13. | LOCKE, SUZANNE | | 38. | WITKER, KRISTI | 50 | 63. | KLASE, ROBERT |
| 34 | 14. | MURRAY, BARBARA | | 39. | BARRY, WILLIAM | 51 | 64. | TIMINSON, UNO |
| 24 | 15. | SULLIVAN, ACQUILINE | 9 | 40. | YARO, BORIS | 52 | 65. | GRIFFIN, BOOKER |
| 25 | 16. | TOIGO, ROBERT | 3 | 41. | PATRUSKY, MARTIN | | 66. | JONES, JOSEPH |
| 23 | 17. | RICH, WALTER | 7 | 42. | SCHULTE, VALARIE | 53 | 67. | LEE, MURIEL |
| 32 | 18. | WEST, ANDY | 8 | 43. | CESAR, THANE | 54 | 68. | WITCOBER, JULES |
| 31 | 19. | JACKSON, LARRY | 6 | 44. | LUBIC, RICHARD | 55 | 69. | MURRAY, DAVE |
| 33 | 20. | UNRUH, BRADLEY | 2 | 45. | ROMERO, JUAN | 56 | 70. | HEALY, ROBERT |
| | 21. | MULLIGAN, GLORIA | 5 | 46. | BURNS, FRANK | | V-1 | KENNEDY, ROBERT |
| 20 | 22. | HOLME, BARBARA | 4 | 47. | PEREZ, JESUS | | V-2 | SCHRADE, PAUL |
| 21 | 23. | HEATH, THADIS | 4 | 48. | UECKER, KARL | | V-3 | GOLDSTEIN, IRA |
| 22 | 24. | RICH, TIMOTHY | 10 | 49. | FREED, EVAN | | V-4 | STROLL, IRWIN |
| 19 | 25. | HARDY, CAPT. | 11 | 50. | MINASIAN, EDWARD | | V-5 | EVANS, ELIZABETH |
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