

gun, Cooper - Harper - Charach post-trial
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Mr. Cooper was telephonically interviewed on June 8, 1971 at 1430 hours. Cooper declined to be personally interviewed, stating that he was opposed to giving a formal statement, and he would not want to testify in any type of hearing regarding challenges to DeWayne Wolfer's competency.

Note: The issue of Mr. Cooper testifying was not proposed by Lt. Booth. Cooper was only asked to be personally interviewed.

Cooper stated that sometime prior to the Sirhan trial he received a telephone call from Bill Harper. Harper stated that he had no confidence in DeWayne Wolfer because Wolfer did not always testify accurately. Cooper told Harper that the apprehensions expressed by Harper made no difference in the Sirhan case as the issues to which Wolfer would testify in light of the numerous witnesses at the scene of Sirhan's crime would not be the critical issues.

Cooper stated that to the best of his recollection the gun used by Sirhan to commit his crime was not produced during Wolfer's testimony in the trial; however, Cooper believes that the reason for this was explained by Wolfer at the time he testified. *

Sometime after the Sirhan trial, Theodore Charach, 4131 Laurel Grove Avenue, Studio City, phone 876-5568, went to Cooper's office and informed him that Wolfer had "messed up" by giving erroneous testimony regarding the testing of certain guns critical to the case against Sirhan. Charach had allegedly conducted an investigation into the Sirhan case and arrived at the expressed opinion that someone other than Sirhan had fired the fatal shot at Senator Kennedy.

Cooper expressed disbelief to Charach, in Charach's alleged evidence; however, he referred Charach to Bill Harper for Harper to use the information as he saw fit. Cooper stated he has a "great deal" of confidence in Bill Harper. Bill Harper apparently conducted an investigation into the Sirhan case, incorporating the information from Charach.

Cooper stated he was not satisfied with the weapon test conducted by Wolfer in the Sirhan case; however, he did not believe that Wolfer's testimony "made any difference to the case."

Cooper believes that Charach is represented by an attorney from Beverly Hills. He does not know the name of Charach's attorney.

* The ^{alleged} Sirhan gun #58725 was not used @ Sirhan's trial, however, Wolfer did not explain why the alleged S. gun was not used during the trial. Read Sirhan Trial Transcript, Vol 8, Jan. 14, 1969 for fuller explanation of this subterfuge.