

## **Part Four**

40 years have passed since the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and I want to share some of what I have learned as a result of my painstaking research.

So what have I learned?

That Sirhan Trial Transcript page 3967 actually happened in an American courtroom.

That two different guns H53725 and H18602 - both Iver Johnson .22 caliber revolvers - were fired into a water recovery tank at Los Angeles County Crime Lab on two different days (6-5-68 and 6-6-68) for comparison test bullets. Four of the comparison test bullets were locked away under the Los Angeles County Grand Jury Court Order signed by Judge Arthur Alarcon. These bullets remained in the custody of LACGJ until after the Sirhan trial concluded. As a result these four comparison test bullets (GJ5B) were NOT used in the Sirhan trial. This means defense attorney Grant Cooper did not stipulate GJ5B into evidence.

But, the remaining three comparison test bullets (Peo. Ex. 55) were indeed stipulated into evidence during the Sirhan trial. Here is the problem. GJ5B was test fired on 6-5-68 with gun ID # H53725. The following day 6-6-68 a different test gun was used. This gun belonged to Jake Williams (H18602). He was arrested in March 1967 and since he failed to reclaim his gun it became the property of LA PD. In short, the Jake Williams gun, serial # H18602 was written on Sirhan Trial Evidence envelope Peo. Ex. 55. This evidence envelope contained three test fired bullets and two expended shell casings.

I also learned that ID markings (engravings) on some of the victim bullets were incorrect. This meant that victim bullets had been substituted. This specific research was included in the Writ of Habeas Corpus filed on Sirhan's behalf by attorney Laurence Teeter.

If that wasn't enough - there was more. I found evidence envelopes that were altered, substituted and totally lacking in evidentiary information. In short - plain envelopes, some with initials some blank.

I testified at the Scott Enyart trial about the alteration of the evidence envelope for the fatal Robert F. Kennedy bullet and fragment. Item #24 and Item #25 were written over with the numbers 26 and 27. But there is no 26 and 27. These are phantom exhibit numbers. In fact the jar containing the fatal bullet was clearly marked item #24 and the vial with the bullet fragment was marked item #25. It is unheard of to alter an original evidence envelope by substituting phantom numbers. That is precisely what was done and when I brought this to the attention of Enyart attorneys I was asked to testify about that extraordinary piece of evidence.

But there is more. It will be remembered that Scott Enyart's undeveloped film was taken by LAPD almost immediately after the assassination. At the time of the shooting in the pantry Scott was standing on the a steam table taking pictures - it was these pantry scene photos that Scott Enyart was suing the LAPD, City of Los Angeles, et al for.

What developed next in this strange story defies all manner of logic or reason. And I shall do my best to not lose you.

Remember the Item #24 and Item #25 number switching? Well, that wasn't the end of the LAPD juggling act. You see, in the LAPD Property Report we find ANOTHER Item #24 and Item #25. These are Item #24 purported to be photographs belonging to George Ross Clayton and Item # 25 a film canister containing negatives.

When Scott asked for the return of his film and film canister he was told that the Clayton property (items 24 & 25) actually belonged to Scott!!! Someone, we do not know who "found" a slip of paper with Clayton name on one side and Enyart name on the other side at California State Archives. When I asked to have that pc of paper produced to me so that I could photograph it- I was told it was not there.

If that wasn't strange enough, there was still more to come. During the trial Judge Elias issued an order to have that film canister (Item # 25) delivered to the court in LA (from Sacramento ).

A courier flew up to CSA to pick it up flew back and rented a car, then, someone out of nowhere stole that film canister right out of that car!! So Scott Enyart's film canister containing his pantry scene negatives vanished. Just look at the arrogance of power that could concoct such an unbelievable story.

But I had an idea. I visited CSA in Sacramento and asked to see the photos taken by CSA staff before they turned the film canister (Item #25) over to the courier. And do you know what I saw? There were several negative strips and every image was of the film canister! Not one frame contained pantry scene images!

This bothered me because I had examined negatives of the fatal bullet and they were very clear and easily identifiable. So I asked why didn't someone photograph the images on the negatives before they released the film canister to the courier? Silence.

In fact while I was testifying on the stand about this unbelievable story Judge Elias asked me if all of the images were of the film canister. And I answered "yes, I know that is strange"

Actually, that should not have surprised me, for it will be remembered that several thousand photographs were burned in a hospital incinerator prior to the start of Sirhan trial. Additionally, pantry scene door frames containing bullet holes were destroyed, also destroyed were tests and reports of door frame as well as ceiling tiles from the pantry xbefore Sirhan appeals were filed. This isn't the conduct of good honest police work. It is

a disgrace. And I am ashamed of the men who did these things. LAPD officers are honest, but the people in charge of SUS investigation are another matter. Who controlled them?

I have a question. I ask what is the serial number of the murder weapon??? No one can say with an absolute certainty. That is a fact. Let me explain.

When the Los Angeles County Grand Jury took possession of the alleged Sirhan gun on 6-7 -68 no one recorded the serial number for this gun!!!! So what gun was it? We will never know. When I discovered this I pointed it out to Bill Harper and he insisted I had to be wrong, that such a thing was not possible. He even bawled me out for being so stupid. So I asked him to show me the page and the line in LACGJ Transcript where the gun ID number was recorded. Later that day, after he reread the transcript he called me back in a rage. It wasn't there.

So if the gun is bogus what else is bogus?

It will be remembered Dep. DA Sidney D. Trapp, Jr. sent a Memorandum dated 6-7-71 to Chief Dep. DA John E. Howard about the "Description of Sirhan Case Exhibits"  
This is what he writes about the gun:

"Exhibit 6"

Iver-Johnson .22 caliber revolver, serial number H53725. This was contained within one large manila envelope which bore the inscription on the outside "Number 6 and 7". It is presumed that since the transcript indicates that the gun was numbered "6" that this is its present number. No exhibit 7 appeared within the envelope."

What we see clearly written in this official Memorandum is "No exhibit 7 appeared within the envelope." There is no official document in existence for the LACGJ gun exhibit 7.

In short, there is no LACGJ tag #7 for the gun anywhere! In fact the only tag for the gun is the trial tag Peoples Ex. 6. I have taken numerous pictures of the gun @ CSA and I state for the record I asked for LACGJ tag and was told it does not exist in CSA collection.

So, without any Grand Jury identification tag there is no legal document/record that H53725 is the gun the LACGJ received in evidence on 6-7-68.  
Additionally, there is no evidence envelope for the gun!

Well, this is a really good piece of trickery. There was a secret meeting in trial Judge Walker's chambers between all three defense attorneys, the three prosecutors and of course the Judge. Dep. DA David Fitts stated on the record that he didn't have adequate foundation (for the bullets) and Cooper agreed to stipulate to the bullets when LAPD criminalist Wolfer takes the stand! However, before they entered the judge's chambers they already had agreed to this stipulation deal. Sirhan was not present and he was not informed of this criminal cabal. Not only did Cooper stipulate to all of the bullets, he threw in the gun stipulation for good measure. Nothing was proven up. There was simply no foundation for any of the ballistics evidence! I know I'm a crank but this whole business is too much for anyone with an ounce of common sense to swallow.

Some day good men will demand answers.

While it is highly unlikely I would like to have California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George and Sirhan's former appellate attorney Luke McKissack answer under oath how it came about that criminalist William Harper was blocked from examining GJ5B. I personally know the facts in this affair and I would like to hear their explanation.

My Special Exhibit 10 Report was accepted by the International Association of Forensic Sciences in 2002. It is included on this web site so I won't repeat it here. But there is one thing that I want to stress.

When the seven examiners met to examine Sirhan trial ballistics evidence in 1975 as a result of the Judge Wenke Hearing they found that Wolfer misidentified one of the comparison bullets. Wolfer identified the Kennedy neck bullet on the left and his test bullet on the right (as you view it). However, the seven examiners disagreed. They discovered that the Kennedy neck bullet was compared with the Goldstein bullet (Goldstein was a pantry scene victim who was shot in the left buttock) and not Wolfer's test bullet (from the Jake Willams gun HI8602).

What I have discovered is that not only was Wolfer wrong - but the seven examiners were also WRONG. What I am stating is that the Kennedy neck bullet (Peo Ex 47) was an imposter bullet. It was switched. Here is my proof: Los Angeles County Coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi engraved TN31 on the base of the Kennedy neck bullet when he removed it during the autopsy. But the bullet given to the seven examiners in 1975 had "DW" "TN" engraved on Kennedy neck bullet base. Clearly this is a fraud.

Now let us examine the engraving on the Goldstein bullet base. The Goldstein bullet base given to the seven examiners in 1975 had the number "6" on its base. But that it incorrect. Dr. Max Finkel removed the bullet from Goldstein's left buttock and engraved an "X" on the bullet base. I telephoned Dr. Finkel about this engraving and he corroborated engraving the X on the bullet base. Additionally, there are a number of documents in SUS records which report Dr. Finkel engraving an X on Goldstein bullet base.

The Evidence Inventory which is a part of Court Order #2 was written by one of the seven examiners in '75. His name is Patrick Garland.

So, what I am saying is that Special Exhibit 10 depicts TWO inauthentic comparison bullets. I do not know where they came from but I do know without the slightest doubt that both bullets depicted in Spec. Ex. 10 are phonies - pure and simple. In short, the seven examiners were wrong as wrong can be when they identified Kennedy neck bullet compared with Goldstein bullet.

After careful examination of official records I learned how those seven examiners were tricked. It has to do with the court clerk's custodial gap of the bullets as well as the Bullet Worksheets. Simply stated, no column existed on the Bullet Worksheet for each individual examiner to examine and record the ID markings on each bullet / or where such ID marking is located.

The seven criminalists are honest and highly qualified experts in their fields. But, they were given substituted bullets. This is clearly proven in the Court Order #2 Evidence Inventory. Read about this bad business in my Special Exhibit 10 Report.

What I find strange is that my Special Exhibit 10 Report is buried. No one writes accurately about its contents. It is simply buried. I assure you if anyone could have found my research faulty it would have been exposed. But since I relied on official court records it can't be attacked. So it is silenced. What frightening state of affairs.

Before I close I want to respond to Dan Moldea. He writes that I was silent about his telephoning me that he has Michael McCowan's written statement referencing the shooting between the eyes quote in his book. Well, my response is short and to the point. I requested a copy of McCowan's written statement - not a telephone call telling me he received it. Telling me something and providing me with a copy of a written /signed statement are two entirely different things.

That "shooting between the eyes" quote really raises two separate questions. Did Sirhan tell that to McCowan and did Moldea ask Sirhan to corroborate that quote on his third visit with Sirhan?

I was present on Moldea's first visit with Sirhan in Corcoran Prison and I thought Moldea's interview was outstanding. I was impressed with Moldea's journalistic expertise. He didn't skip a beat.

Their Q&A was rapid fire and Moldea gave Sirhan no quarter. I couldn't get over it. Regrettably it was not filmed.

Do I think the McCowan/Sirhan shooting between the eyes conversation took place? Yes, it is certainly possible if not probable. I say this because Sirhan wrote the Hey Punk. letter to Grant Cooper while on death row in San Quentin Prison.

Did Moldea ask Sirhan to corroborate that quote on his third visit? I cannot say, I was not present. And so I say to Moldea look for a fight elsewhere. Or better yet, take the time to read my Special Exhibit 10 Report. It will keep you busy.

He publicly attacked me on his web site (about the McCowan written statement) and I responded like a very annoyed 80 year old lady should.

I know my research has caused many people heartburn and it is my opinion that since my research can't be challenged it is easier to try to discredit me in other ways. I hope that is not why Moldea complained about my silence concerning his telephoning me that he received McCowan's written statement. Again, I repeat, I asked for a copy of McCowan's written statement - not a telephonic confirmation. How plain can I speak?

It is my opinion that if I am publicly made to look dishonest then my research could not be expected to be taken seriously - especially since I am not a criminalist - I am just a housewife with absolutely no scientific credentials. But what I lack in academic training I make up with in a big helping of common sense.

Any law school - anywhere - will cry out in indignation if they read the Sirhan Trial Transcript. And any crime lab - anywhere - will yell foul if they read the official records and especially Court Order #2. But they must also have photographs of all evidence envelopes to compare with Court Order #2 Evidence Inventory. There is the irrefutable proof that some of the evidence envelopes were substituted and/or manufactured. And finally, examine the actual bullets and the original evidence envelopes. As a precaution I photographed all of the evidence envelopes as well as photographing the bullets.

I am not alone in researching Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassination. Criminalist William W. Harper's research was an amazing contribution. Ted Charach also deserves credit. What can I possibly say about a man who wouldn't take no for an answer. His amazing research acted as a catalyst to make people ask questions. And he did it alone without any money. If it was not for Ted Charach this case would never have gotten off the ground. In my opinion he is a genius.

There are many other people who made important contributions, I singled out Harper and Charach because they were ground breakers. And they should be remembered.

Oh dear, I almost forgot to include the DROS Dealer Record of Sale for Iver Johnson .22 cal ser # H53725 story (it is written in my RFK/Sirhan Evidence Report in greater detail). While carefully examining the photo static copy of DR OS at CSA I saw what I considered to be highly irregular and so I asked CII officials in Sacramento, Ca to produce their original triplicate of DR OS for H53725 for my examiner of questioned documents to examine (for inclusion in the Writ of Habeas Corpus). I was informed that this specific DROS had been destroyed!!! Here we go again.

Then there is the shameful hiding from public and Sirhan Trial jury of the tom gun label with H53725 written on it. This too I included in my RFK/Sirhan Evidence Report. I

mention it here because I could not believe my eyes - that such enormous power can poison our courtroom.

If I sound frustrated, that is correct. I am. There is no one in his/her right mind that will swallow the lies and cover up in Sirhan case.

I must repeat, I truly believe law enforcement officials are the best. They are honest and good people. And most of the courts dispense the law with truth and justice. But, what I saw happen in Sirhan trial court was rotten and dishonest. No one's hands are clean. It is easy to look the other way because Sirhan is so hated. But you can't be selective with justice. Assuming Sirhan is a rotter, he is still entitled to a fair trial. And he didn't get one.

There is another question I have always pondered. There is no doubt in my mind that Sirhan was hypnotized during pantry scene shooting. But I do not know if he was involved with that killing squad before he went to the Ambassador Hotel on Sunday and on Tuesday night. I feel if he was part of that company he didn't know their larger plans. He isn't smart enough to carry out such an enormously difficult assassination plan.

We will never know who ordered Senator Robert f. Kennedy's assassination.

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