

## INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-1096PERSON INTERVIEWED: Michael WayneDATE/TIME 7-12-68 3:30 P.M.SEX M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5'8 1/2 WT 135 DOB 5-19-47RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1430 S. HipointPHONE WE 49851BUSINESS ADDRESS Pickwick Book StoresPHONE 4698191

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY &amp; HOW)

## Supplemental Interview:

This investigator received information that the business card of Keith Duane Gilbert was in the possession of **Wayne**, at the time of his apprehension after Sen. Kennedy was shot. Gilbert is reported to be an extremist and militant who has been involved in a dynamite theft, previously.

Michael **Wayne** was contacted and asked to explain his possession of the card. **Wayne** stated that he does not know Gilbert. He does not know how the card came into his possession, and does not remember ever having it.

He cannot recall having a card from any Reloading Shop.

During the interview with Augustus Mallard (I-260) he was asked about the business card. Mr. Mallard could not remember anything about the card, and does not know if he found it or even saw it. Mallard was the Security Officer who apprehended Mr. **Wayne** on 6-5-68.

Mr. **Wayne** was brought to our attention by Mr. Charles Winner (I-239), who stated a Michael Wayne had spoken to him in the kitchen area, prior to Sen. Kennedy being shot.

A photograph was taken of a man in handcuffs at the Ambassador Hotel. This photo was taken by Mr. Fontanini, L.A. Times. The man in the handcuffs was Mr. **Wayne**.

Mr. **Wayne** was in the kitchen when Kennedy was shot, and was the subject of reports by Patti Nelson, Tom Klein and Dennis Weaver (I-623) of a man running through the lobby with a long object in his hand, which appeared to be a rifle.

**Wayne** was on the 5th floor of the Hotel prior to Kennedy going down the elevator to the Embassy Room. He was attempting to obtain an autograph from Kennedy. Kennedy went down the elevator and **Wayne** went down in the one with the press. They arrived at the kitchen at approx. the same time.

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INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:

APPROVED BY:

S/Lt. Huddle

He moved through the kitchen with Kennedy, and managed to stop Kennedy at one point and get his signature on a roll of posters.

After signing the poster, Kennedy moved into the Embassy Room with his party, to make his victory speech.

The poster is described as approx. 3 ft long, tightly rolled (1 1/2 in.)

There were not too many people in the kitchen area after Kennedy left. At this time, Wayne spoke to a man, attempting to get a Humphry tie clasp. (Wayne collects political campaign souvenirs). This man was Charles Winner (I-239).

Wayne went into the Embassy Room and listened to Kennedy's speech.

Wayne recalls observing two women in the kitchen area prior to Kennedy entering the Embassy Room. One woman was caucasian, blond, wearing a light colored dress, and had a Kennedy Press Pass in a plastic holder, on a chain around her neck. She told him to leave the kitchen area.

The second woman he described as Fe. Latin, 5-5, heavy, dark hair, looked messed up, wearing the sash across her chest that was similar to that worn by the Kennedy Girls. She was also wearing one of Edward Kennedy's tie clasps from his 1962 campaign. Black skirt.

Wayne left the Embassy Room and returned to the kitchen prior to Kennedy completing his speech. After completing his speech, Kennedy returned to the kitchen. When Kennedy entered the kitchen, Wayne was standing on the east end of the kitchen, close to the doors which lead to the lobby outside the Embassy Room. Kennedy walked toward Wayne as he walked through the kitchen.

Wayne became aware of noises, and someone stated "He's been hit." Suddenly I was aware of the shots. I turned and saw him beginning to move, and men falling on top of a man in a blue shirt.

I paused, people panicked, I went into the Press Room and tried to use the phones with the light on them, but was unable to get the operator.

He states people didn't know about the shooting - He tried 4 or 5 phones - for a few seconds. Unk how long.

He rushed out of the Press Room (Colonial Room) and through the crowd. People asked him what happened and he told them "I can't say"

When he left the Press Room he turned right, then went to the Gold Room where he talked to a Hotel Employee who didn't speak English. He couldn't locate a phone, so he walked and ran through the crowd in the lobby, to the fountain area, turned right, and went to the area of the Venetian Room where he ran up to a Security Guard (Augustas Mallard) and said "I need a telephone quickly." Mallard wanted to know why, and Wayne made a statement about Sen. Kennedy having been shot.

(Con't)

Mallard took Wayne into the room and placed handcuffs on him.

Wayne was taken to the Hotel Security Office, and later to the Gold Room and interviewed by LAPD Personnel. He was released from custody.

Wayne states he did not have a camera, or take any pictures that night. He cannot place a woman in a polka dot dress in the kitchen.

He has not been interviewed by the FBI, Press, or District Attorney's Office.

The only person he recognized in the kitchen area was Roosevelt Grier, and people Wayne only knows by sight, not names. He was not aware of Sirhan's presence in the area prior to the shooting. He has not knowingly seen Sirhan prior to that night.

Wayne was born in Manchester, England, entered the U.S. in 1951, naturalized in 1960. He professes to be of Jewish background, but not from the Middle East.

--7:10 PM

Los Angeles Police Department  
EMPLOYEE'S REPORT

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SUBJECT Progress Report: Michael Wayne I 1096		
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TO: (Rank, Name, Assignment, Division) Lt. Higbie, PM Supervisor, SUS		DATE & TIME REPORTED

## DETAILS:

Michael Wayne was brought to the attention of the Los Angeles Police Department by several witnesses who place him in the kitchen area at the Ambassador Hotel at the time Senator Kennedy was shot. He was observed running out of the kitchen area after the shooting, carrying a long tubular object, resembling a rifle case.

Dennis Weaver, Tom Klein and Patti Nelson reported seeing him run across the hotel lobby just prior to learning of the shooting. Harold Burba reports Wayne as being the suspect, and having a tubular object in his hand, in the kitchen area prior to the shooting.

Wayne was interviewed, and it was learned that he was in the kitchen prior to Kennedy being shot. He obtained an autograph from the senator, on the tubular shaped object, which was a rolled up campaign poster.

Wayne reports he did see the shooting, and ran out of the room, crossed the lobby, and approached a security guard by the Venetian Room, and asked to use a telephone to report the shooting of Kennedy. Wayne states the guard pushed him around a corner and handcuffed him. He did not resist, and was taken to the hotel security office.

Augustus Mallard was interviewed and stated that he was the guard who took Wayne into custody. He stated he didn't want Wayne to get away, and he didn't know about the shooting at the time he took Wayne into custody. He verified the contents of the roll as posters, stating Wayne did not have a weapon on him.

Wayne was subsequently released to Los Angeles Police Department investigators and a statement was taken prior to his release.

The LA Times has photos of Wayne being taken into custody. One witness, Patti Nelson, told the news that she had seen Wayne carrying a rifle as he ran across the lobby, and Tom Klein and Dennis Weaver corroborated this story. At subsequent interviews, each one repudiated these statements. Klein and Weaver both admitted that they did not hear Nelson make these statements, and were positive the object they saw was not a rifle. Patti Nelson stated she is not familiar with any weapon, and upon re-examination of the photographs of Wayne, in custody and carrying the tubular object, she could see the object he had was not a rifle.

Michael Wayne is a collector of political campaign souvenirs. He was busily engaged in his hobby during the evening of June 4, 1968 and it was this that brought him into the kitchen.

It was brought to our attention that Michael Wayne was in the possession of a business card of Keith Duane Gilbert, an extremist who was arrested, in the past, for the theft of dynamite.

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