



On 5 June 1968, Sirhan Sirhan murdered Robert F. Kennedy. The attack happened at a hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Sirhan ended up in prison where he served a **life sentence**. Last week, after 53 years in prison, 77-year-old Sirhan got very good news. He can leave prison if he promises that he will not do any crimes.

Two of Kennedy's sons agreed with the idea, and one of them said that Sirhan was still a human, and he should get a chance to live a normal life. It is not clear now if Sirhan will leave the prison. A special group called the California **Parole Board** must check the case, and then, the **governor** will decide what will happen with Sirhan.

**Difficult words:** **life sentence** (when a person must spend the rest of his life in prison), **governor** (the leader of the government of a US state), **Parole Board** (a special group that decides if a person can leave prison).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *life sentence*, *governor* and *Parole Board*
2. Who murdered Robert F. Kennedy on 5 June 1968?
3. Where did the murder take place?
4. What happened to Sirhan after he was convicted of the murder?
5. How many years has Sirhan served in prison before he received the news that he could leave prison?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. Do you have any idea why Robert F. Kennedy was killed? If yes, tell me more.
2. Do you think Sirhan, the murderer, deserves a parole and leave prison or do you think he should rot in jail and serve a life sentence?
3. What do you think was Sirhan's motive of the murder?