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Undercover Agent Led to Kennedy Drug Count

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (UPI)—The taxi driver who took Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to retrieve a pet falcon July 10 was an undercover narcotics agent whose actions led to the arrest of the boy and his cousin Robert Sargent Shriver III on marijuana charges that night, it was learned Friday.

UPI also learned the two youths will be leaving the Kennedy compound on Nantucket Sound "as soon as possible" to spend time with relatives.

Kennedy, son of the assassinated New York senator, will return to McLean, Va., while young Shriver, Kennedy's cousin and son of the former ambassador to France, will go to New York, a family source said. Kennedy's pet falcon es-

caped July 8 and the boy broke his right wrist falling from a tree when he tried to retrieve him. The bird was captured two days later in Cohasset, about 60 miles across Cape Cod Bay, near Boston.

Young Kennedy took a taxi to Cohasset to recover the bird that day, the 10th. The taxi driver "was definitely an undercover agent" investigating the rise of narcotics use on Cape Cod, a police source said. He declined to identify the driver-agent or elaborate on the way in

which he helped in the arrests.

The names of the two youths were taken by authorities the night of the 10th in a drug raid in Hyannis Port but not in the family compound. The incident was not revealed until Wednesday, a day after the boys were served with juvenile warrants charging them with illegal possession of marijuana and conspiracy to violate the state drug laws.

They appeared Thursday in the juvenile session of district court and received a stern lecture from the judge, who continued their case along with those of 100 other juveniles—all reportedly first offenders, like Kennedy and Shriver—for a year without finding.

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