

# Kennedy Grave Site Disturbed

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Washington — President John F. Kennedy's grave site was disturbed overnight by someone who tried, but failed, to dig up some of its granite paving stones, officials reported yesterday.

Neither the Arlington National Cemetery site's eternal flame nor the tombstones of Kennedy, his wife, Jacqueline, and two of their children were damaged.

"Someone attempted to remove stones that ring the site," said Officer Allan Griffith of the U.S. Park Police, which is responsible for law enforcement at the cemetery.

He said the culprit or culprits gave up after finding the stones were much bigger than they appeared. He said they extend several feet down, weigh about 500 pounds each and are anchored to one another. "What they had tried to do was dig down, and when they discovered how big they were, they just gave up," he said.

The nearby grave site of Robert F. Kennedy, the former president's slain brother, was undisturbed. The site is marked by a white-painted wooden cross.

The Kennedy Memorial Grave is the most visited at the 612-acre cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington. The cemetery is the final resting place for more than 225,000 military heroes and other war veterans and their closest kin.

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