KENNEDY, SHRIVER BOYS ON PROBATION by Bill Kovach Special to The New York Times

Barnstable, Mass., Aug 6 - Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Robert Sargent Shriver 3d were, in effect, placed on a year's probation after a private hearing in Juvenile Court here today on charges of possessing marijuana.

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The police are still reluctant to discuss these or other drug arrests this summer despite vague suggestions that they might have been an effort to embarrass Senator/Kennedy, who is up for re-election this year.

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