

Kennedy Phone Records Subpoenaed for Inquest

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — Nine persons have received subpoenas to the inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne, clerk Thomas A. Teller of Dukes County District Court said yesterday, including a representative of New England Telephone Co.

John J. O'Connor of Falmouth, a district manager for the company, said the subpoena he received required him to "bring records of any calls associated with the credit card of Sen. Kennedy."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's telephone credit card has led to further controversy in Miss Kopechne's death. Earlier this month, the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader said

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17 calls were charged to Kennedy's card immediately after the fatal accident. A Kennedy spokesman denied the report.

MISS KOPECHNE, 28, a Washington secretary, died July 18 when the car Kennedy was driving plunged off a narrow bridge into a tidal pond on Chappaquiddick Island.

Kennedy said he did not report the accident until nine hours later because he was in a daze.

Others who Teller said have received summonses for the inquest scheduled to begin Wednesday are:

Police Chief Dominick J. Arena of Edgartown, who investigated the case; Dr. Donald R. Mills, assistant medical examiner who returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning without performing an autopsy.

JOHN FARRAR, the scuba diver who recovered Miss Kopechne's body from the submerged car; Jared Grant, the owner of a ferry operating between Chappaquiddick and Edgartown; Richard Hewitt, a captain on the ferry line; Dr. Robert W. Nevin, chief medical examiner who was off duty the day of the accident.

Also, Christopher S. Look Jr., deputy sheriff, and Russell E. Peachey, night manager of the Shiretown Inn, where Kennedy stayed.

Summonses also have gone out to 11 other persons, published reports said, and were expected to be received today. Among the 11 are those who attended the July 18 party on Chappaquiddick Island, at which Miss Kopechne and Kennedy were present before the accident.

Kennedy has said he would appear at the inquest if requested.

THERE IS a possibility that the inquest could be delayed if Kennedy's lawyers decided to appeal a ruling by Judge James A. Boyle that forbids them from cross-examination and from introducing evidence at the inquest. They met yesterday to discuss the matter, but did not reveal

the results of the conference.

It also appeared certain that the inquest would begin, and possibly finish, before a judge rules on a request by Dist. Atty. Edmund S. Dinis for exhumation of Miss Kopechne's body from her grave in Larksville, Pa.

In Wilkes Barre, Pa., a spokesman for President Judge Bernard C. Brominski of Common Pleas Court said the judge will not announce "until Tuesday night or Wednesday at the earliest" whether to allow the exhumation hearing. Miss Kopechne's parents want him to forbid disinterment.