

Joan Fined

For Drunk

Driving

Fairfax, Va.

Joan Kennedy, wife of Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol and was fined \$200.

The charge stemmed from an October 9 accident at a traffic signal near the Kennedys' McLean estate.

Police said Mrs. Kennedy ran into the rear of a car stopped at the light. That car, in turn, rammed into the rear of another. No one was hurt.

Judge Lewis Hall Griffith of Fairfax General District Court also suspended Mrs. Kennedy's Virginia driving permit for six months.

Mrs. Kennedy did not appear in court.

The plea was entered by her lawyer, Carrington Williams, who said Mrs. Kennedy has not driven since the accident.

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