

Freelance Accused After Taking Photos Of Young Kennedy

A freelance photographer who took pictures of Mrs. Aristotle S. Onassis and her son, John F. Kennedy Jr., bicycling in Central Park last week, pleaded not guilty in Criminal Court yesterday to charges of harassment.

Judge Morris Schwalb released the 38-year-old photographer, Ron Galella of 1310 Oakley Street, the Bronx, for a hearing Oct. 16, after he answered a police summons issued on Sept. 24 on the complaint of a Secret Service agent.

The agent, James Kalafatis, charged Mr. Galella "with intent to annoy and alarm" the widow and 7-year-old son of the late President. His complaint added that Mr. Galella "did strike and shove" him.

The Secret Service declined to elaborate on the charges. The incident occurred at about 5:30 P.M. on Sept. 24 in the park near 85th Street. Mrs. Onassis, who returned recently from Greece, has an apartment at 1050 Fifth Avenue.

While awaiting arraignment on the charge, the cameraman told newsmen that three Secret Service men had held him "captive" for 15 minutes and had asked him to surrender the film, at Mrs. Onassis' direction.

He said he made several pictures from the shelter of some bushes. He denied that he had "scared" the cyclists.

The Associated Press bought the pictures and distributed them to news media.

A Secret Service spokesman in Washington explained that President Kennedy's children, John and his 12-year-old sister, Caroline, were entitled to the agency's guards until they had reached the age of 17.