

R. F. Kennedy Jr. and Shriver 3d Accused of Having Marijuana

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HYANNIS PORT, Mass., Aug. 5—Robert F. Kennedy Jr., second oldest son of the late Senator, and Robert Sargent Shriver 3d, son of the former United States Ambassador to France, are scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court tomorrow on charges of possessing marijuana.

A family spokesman confirmed late this afternoon reports that the 16-year-old cousins were served last night with warrants charging them with offenses that allegedly occurred on July 10 at an undisclosed site.

In separate statements issued by Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and Sargent Shriver, the parents said that they were "distressed" to learn of the charges, but that they would stand by their sons. Although police officials here

have refused to furnish any information concerning the charges, it appeared that the local and state police had been involved in a month-long investigation into suspected violation of drug laws.

Twenty-three persons were arraigned in District Court at Barnstable today on narcotics violation charges ranging from possession and sale of heroin to "being present" where drugs were used illegally.

Some of the charges date as far back as April. None of those arraigned today were charged with violations on July 10 and do not appear to have been involved in the same

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incident charged against young Kennedy and Shriver.

One local police officer, despite Hyannis Police Chief Albert L. Hinkley's ban on discussing the case, said that such lengthy delays in service warrants were necessary "to protect informers."

Through a spokesman, Mrs. Kennedy said:

"Naturally, I was distressed to learn last night that my son had been charged with possession of marijuana on the 10th of last month.

Other Arraignments Due

"This is, of course, a matter for the authorities to decide. But Bobby is a fine boy, and we have always been proud of him. I will stand by him. My concern is also for my nephew and the families of the other young people."

Her statement apparently referred to reports that three or four other juveniles charged in

the same incident would be arraigned tomorrow.

Mr. Shriver read his statement to newsmen on the West Coast before cutting short a campaign trip for Democratic candidates and returning to the Kennedy compound here.

Mr. Shriver, who is married to Eunice Kennedy, the sister of the late Senator's, said that his son "has never been involved in any such situation before, and we trust he never will be again."

"If he has done anything wrong, we are sure he will make reparation in a manly and courageous manner," he said.

"We love him, and for many years he has been a joy and a pride to us. We will help him in every way to re-establish his sense of responsibility for himself and for others, his dedication to high ideals, his personal self-confidence and dignity."

Senator Edward M. Kennedy flew here today from Washington.

"The family informed me in Washington this morning," he

told newsmen on arriving at an airport in Warwick, R. I. "I'm going to the compound to talk to the parents of the children involved. I'd rather not say any more until I find out the details of what happened."

The List Grows

HYANNISPORT, Mass., Aug. 5 (UPI) — The Kennedy and Shriver youths are among a growing list of children of prominent parents who have been arrested on drug charges. Among them are:

Michael Milhous Hollings, 19, son of Senator Ernest F. Hollings, Democrat of South Carolina, who pleaded guilty to using marijuana May 23.

John P. Cahill, 19, son of New Jersey Gov. John T. Cahill, was arrested twice on marijuana charges—in Philadelphia Jan. 24 and in Woodbury Heights, N. J., March 24.

Howard Samuels Jr., 17, son of Howard Samuels, former head of the Small Business Administration, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana Nov. 1 in New York. The case is pending.