

Kennedy Fined \$100

'Negligent Driving' In Crash

Nantucket, Mass.

Joseph P. Kennedy III, oldest son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, was convicted yesterday of negligent driving resulting in an accident that has at least temporarily paralyzed a teen-age girl. He was fined \$100.

"You had a great father and you have a great mother," U.S. District Judge George Anastas told the 20-year-old Kennedy.

"Use your illustrious name as an asset instead of coming into court like this."

Kennedy, who pleaded innocent and did not testify, was accompanied to the crowded court by his mother, and his uncle, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.).

A Jeep-like vehicle driven by Kennedy and carrying six other persons including his brother David, 18, overturned a week ago at an intersection on this vacation island. David and two girl passengers were injured.

Francesca de Onis, 18, another passenger, said Kennedy was driving the Toyota at about 15 miles an hour but accelerated and swerved at the intersection to avoid an oncoming car.

Judge Anastas, a college classmate of Kennedy's un-



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Joseph Kennedy III left court with his mother, Ethel, and uncle, Ted Kennedy

cle Joseph Jr., who was killed in World War II, said he does not consider a jail sentence to be a deterrent to highway accidents. He said a "seriously hurt" person is more of a deterrent to a defendant.

The prosecutor did not

recommend a jail sentence on the charge, a misdemeanor carrying a maximum jail term of up to two years or a \$200 fine or both.

The person most seriously injured in the crash was Pamela Kelley, 18, of Centerville. She suffered a serious

back injury that left both her legs paralyzed.

Miss Kelley underwent spinal surgery at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis following the crash and doctors reported Sunday that she had a "little bit more" feeling in her legs. *United Press*