

Robert Kennedy, 17, Fined for Loitering; Pleads No Contest

HYANNIS, Mass., Aug. 23 (UPI)—Robert F. Kennedy Jr., 17-year-old son of the late New York Senator, was ordered to pay \$50 in court costs on a loitering charge today after he allegedly spat ice cream into a policeman's face. He was arrested last night, about two weeks after his probation ended for a marijuana offense.

The policeman said the youth had been talking to a girl in a parked car that was obstructing traffic on busy West Main Street. He said the youth had refused to move along.

The youth, long-haired and wearing sandals, a blue work shirt and patched dungarees, pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) when arraigned in Barnstable District Court. He did not have the money to pay the fine. Judge Henry L. Murphy gave him one week to pay. The youth appeared alone and without a lawyer in court.

The arrest was his second in just over one year. Last summer, he and his cousin, R. Sargent Shriver Jr., son of the former Ambassador to France, were arrested on a marijuana charge and placed on probation for one year.

With expiration of the probation Aug. 6, the marijuana charge was placed on file.

About 10:30 P.M., yesterday, Patrolman Frederick Ahern testified, young Kennedy was standing outside the car talking to a girl inside and eating an ice cream cone.

Patrolman Ahern said he had asked young Kennedy to move along because the car was snarling traffic. He said the youth had made no effort to do so.

The policeman said the youth's eyes had been "blood-shot" and so he had asked young Kennedy if he was drunk. The youth replied, "no," the policeman said, and spat ice cream on him.

Robert, second oldest son, and third oldest of 11 children of Robert F. and Ethel Kennedy, had been sleeping out in a secluded pond area with other youths much of the time since returning two weeks ago to Hyannis Port, site of the family compound. He had been away most of the summer.