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Editors: Following lead contains some additional detail and fixes spelling of arrested man's name.

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NEW YORK AP - A man carrying an unloaded revolver in an attache case was stopped by police at the entrance to St. Patrick's Cathedral Saturday, 15 minutes before President Johnson arrived to attend the funeral service for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The man, who claimed to have an invitation to the service, was identified as Gary J. DeDell, 30, of Syracuse, N.Y.

He was charged with illegal possession of an unloaded revolver, police said. They said his permit for the weapon was invalid here.

At police headquarters while waiting to be photographed, DeDell told newsmen that the situation was "just a slip of the memory."

Earlier, at his booking, the 6-foot-2, 210-pound DeDell nodded affirmatively when asked if he had been invited to the cathedral.

DeDell is an officer of Daufman-DeDell Press, a printing firm headed by his widowed mother, Mrs. Harry DeDell.

Detective Lt. Robert Danner would not comment on the arrest except to say that DeDell was taken into custody by Alfred Benza, a detective of the Bronx district attorney's office assigned to cathedral security duty. Benza was checking all baggage being carried into the church.

Danner declined to say whether any ammunition was found on DeDell.

Police said DeDell had a permit from Syracuse police to carry the .38-caliber gun, but the permit was invalid in New York unless approved by the police here.

In Syracuse, a neighbor told newsmen that DeDell left home about 6:30 Saturday morning. He was said to usually carry an unloaded weapon.

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"I didn't know I had it with me," DeDell said at his arraignment in criminal court.

Judge J. Howard Rossback set bail at \$2,000 and ordered a hearing June 10.

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