

NEW YORK AP - A Syracuse, N.Y. printing company executive was ordered today to stand trial July 9 for carrying a gun to St. Patrick's Cathedral during the funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Later Gary DeDell, 30, reiterated to newsmen that he had forgotten he had the gun in his briefcase when he tried to enter the cathedral and that he had an invitation to the funeral services.

The senator's Washington office said it was not possible immediately to find DeDell's name on the invitation list.

DeDell, accompanied by his Syracuse attorney, Francis R. Belge, also told newsmen after the court hearing that he was a "conservative Republican" but had become a "staunch supporter of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy."

"Sometimes you have to cross party lines," he added.

DeDell was seized quietly at St. Patrick's after a policeman inspected the briefcase and found an unloaded revolver inside.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound DeDell, vice president and salesman for his widowed mother's printing firm, had a Syracuse permit for the gun but the permit was not valid in New York City, police said.

At his arraignment today on a weapons charge, his attorney asked to be allowed time to examine certain information in the case and make motions.

He described his client as a man active in youth movements in Syracuse, and in the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Knights of Columbus.

DeDell told newsmen he arrived by plane from Syracuse the morning of the funeral and went to pick up his invitation. His attorney stopped him before he could say where he had gone.

DeDell, who claims to be a distant cousin of the late Sir Winston Churchill, said he first met Kennedy at a dinner in Syracuse five years ago and had actively campaigned for Kennedy during his senatorial race.

Ed: Name DeDell correct.
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