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NEW YORK (AP)-A MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH AN UNLOADED GUN AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON THE DAY OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S FUNERAL SAID IN COURT TODAY THAT HE HAD OFFERED TO SURRENDER THE GUN TO THREE POLICE OFFICERS, BUT NONE COULD TELL HIM WHERE TO TURN IT IN.

THE DEFENDANT, GARY DEDELL, 30, OF SYRACUSE, N.Y., SAID IN AN AFFIDAVIT FILED IN CRIMINAL COURT THAT WHEN HE FINALLY SHOWED THE GUN, WHICH HE WAS CARRYING IN AN ATTACHE CASE, TO A PLAINCLOTHES DETECTIVE AT THE CATHEDRAL DOOR, HE WAS TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION, QUESTIONED FOR FOUR OR FIVE HOURS, THEN ADVISED HE WAS UNDER ARREST.

JUDGE WILLIAM SHEA TOOK HIS PLEA FOR DISMISSAL OF THE CHARGE UNDER ADVISEMENT.

DEDELL IS FREE ON \$2,000 BAIL AND SAID HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO SYRACUSE.

DEDELL TALKED HIMSELF INTO AN INVITATION TO THE KENNEDY FUNERAL BY CONVINCING A VOLUNTEER WORKER IN THE SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN THAT HE KNEW BOTH KENNEDY AND ONE OF HIS AIDES, KENNEDY'S FORMER PRESS SECRETARY SAID.

IN HIS AFFIDAVIT, DEDELL SAID HE HAD A SYRACUSE LICENSE FOR THE GUN SINCE 1963, AND OFTEN CARRIED IT UNLOADED IN HIS ATTACHE CASE WHILE HE MADE SALES ROUNDS FOR THE FAMILY PRINTING FIRM.

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