

# Kennedy Bike Robbery

## -- 'For Cocaine Money'

### New York

A young man accused of mugging John F. Kennedy Jr. told police he sold Kennedy's bike to buy two bags of cocaine, a policeman testified yesterday.

Detective Richard Buggy quoted Robert Lopez, 20, as saying: "I mugged John Kennedy." Buggy said Lopez did not know at the time the victim was the son of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Buggy said Lopez related this story after walking into the 23rd Precinct station house July 25:

Lopez said he picked Kennedy, 13, for "an easy hit" as he walked in Central Park May 14. He said he went up to Kennedy with a

tree branch in his hand, took Kennedy's bicycle and tennis racket, and then told him: "Get the hell out of here."

The detective said Lopez told of selling the bike the next day for \$20 and buying "two \$10 bags of cocaine."

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