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Robert Kennedy Jr. Arrested

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr., 17, second oldest son of the late New York Senator, was assessed \$50 in court costs yesterday in Barnstable District Court after pleading "no contest" to a charge of "sauntering and loitering."

It was his second appearance before Judge Henry L.

Murphy in little more than one year.

Kennedy was arrested at about 10:40 p.m. Sunday on the charge that Police Chief Albert Hinckley said amounted to "blocking the path of others."

Judge Murphy gave the youth one week to pay the court costs after Kennedy, grandson of the late multimillionaire Joseph P. Kenne-

dy, said he did not have the money with him.

Kennedy and a cousin, R. Sargent Shriver III, were charged Aug. 4, 1970, with being delinquent by reason of possession of marijuana on July 10, 1970.

Patrolman Frederick Ahearn, a summer policeman who made the arrest Sunday, told the court that

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a car with its door open, and Kennedy was standing beside that in his opinion it was blocking traffic on the busy street. The officer said he did not recognize Kennedy and that a girl, unidentified, was in the car.

Ahearn said he told Kennedy to move along and asked him if he had been drinking.

"He said he had not been drinking, and I asked him why his eyes were bloodshot," Ahearn said.

He said Kennedy then took a bite of an ice cream cone he had in his hand and "spat a bit of his ice cream cone in my face." Ahearn said he then made the arrest.



AP Wirephoto.

**ROBERT KENNEDY JR.
 Sauntering charge**

Because of heavy traffic on narrow streets during summer months in this Cape Cod resort town, police are instructed to help keep traffic flowing while on patrol.