

Traffic Charges Face Robert Kennedy's Son

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David A. Kennedy, 20, son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was charged Saturday night with reckless driving and not having a drivers license or car registration in his possession, after a Virginia State trooper clocked him at 92 miles an hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone, state police said.

Kennedy was heading north on Interstate 81 near New Market, Va., police said, when he was stopped by state trooper J. R. Heltzel. In a telephone interview, Heltzel said Kennedy was not intoxicated and did not explain why he was not carrying a car registration or driver's license. New Market is about 90 miles west of the District of Columbia.

After Kennedy verbally identified himself, Heltzel said, "I decided to arrest him anyway."

Kennedy was brought to the Shenandoah County jail where it was established that he was a licensed driver and the 1974 Toyota Celica S he was driving was properly registered, Heltzel said.

Heltzel said after police verified Kennedy's identity, Magistrate David Scott issued a summons and "decided he should release him on his personal recognizance." The trial is set for July 25 at 10 a.m.

Kennedy's brothers also have had difficulties with the law within the last five years.

Joseph P. Kennedy was convicted of negligent driving and fined \$100 after an accident in Nantucket, Mass. in 1972 in which the jeep he was driving crashed out of control. David and two young women passengers were injured. One of the women still is paralyzed from the chest down as a result of the accident.

Joseph was also injured in a traffic accident two years ago when his car collided with another auto in Berkeley, Calif. In another incident, he was fined \$25 on a charge of toll evasion when he failed to pay a 30-cent turnpike toll on the Massachusetts Turnpike three years ago.

Another brother, Robert Jr., was given one-year probation for marijuana offenses in 1970 and was fined for "sauntering and loitering" one year later.