



Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Kennedy Son Faces Heroin Charge

CHICAGO — Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was charged Friday with felony possession of heroin. The one-count felony charge carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and \$2,000 fine.

Kennedy's flight bag was searched Wednesday as he traveled to South Dakota to seek help for a drug problem.

Kennedy, 29, a former New York City assistant district attorney and a son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, came under investigation Sunday after he became ill on a flight from Minneapolis to Rapid City.

Again Friday officials refused to say what led them to obtain a warrant to search Kennedy's bag for "contraband and controlled substances."

Rod Lefholz, Pennington County state's attorney, would not specify the amount of heroin allegedly involved, but said it was small.

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Smugglers Risk Death Swallowing Cocaine Packs

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"Body packing," or swallowing packets of cocaine to smuggle them into the country, is becoming increasingly common despite its lethal dangers, two physicians report.

In an article published Friday in the Journal of the American Medical Association, doctors Margaret McCarron and John Wood of the University of Southern California Medical Center said they discovered bags of cocaine in the bodies of 48 of 75 suspected smugglers apprehended at Los Angeles International Airport.

These smugglers risk serious illness and even death if the plas-

tic packages they swallow break while in their gastrointestinal tract, releasing cocaine into their system.

Among 18 cases reported previously in medical literature, 10 died from package rupture.

Among patients in the California study who were willing to discuss their exploits, most told the physicians they swallowed the cocaine packets before boarding an airplane in Colombia and took drugs intended to retard the passage of material through their gastrointestinal tract during the long flight to Los Angeles.

The California researchers were

able to make X-ray images of packets in 35 cases and noted that different types of packets presented different problems in detection and retrieval.

Use of condoms, toy balloons or fingers from latex gloves appeared to be the easiest to spot with X rays and posed the most danger of breaking or leaking co-

caine while still in the gut, the physicians said.

Forty-seven patients were treated with purgatives and excreted the cocaine packages safely. One patient required surgery to retrieve the bags. The number of packets carried by individuals ranged from 15 to 175 for each smuggler.

747 Pilot's Last Words Not Of Being Shot Down

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Matsumi Suzuki, head of the Japan Sound Research Institute and an expert in voice patterns, told NHK that the radio transmission was broken in several places, but the pattern of the sounds showed that Chun said first:

"Rapid..."

Next was a word that could not be deciphered. Then came:

"All engine..."

After an interruption, the pilot said:

"A rapid decompression..."

Suzuki said he interpreted Chun's last words, for which neither he nor NHK could offer an explanation, as: "One Zero One Zero Delta."

With the possible exception of Chun's last words, the absence of any reference to an attack, missiles or Soviet jet fighter planes pointed to the end, was unaware of what had happened.

Only four minutes before his last call, Chun had reported nothing abnormal.

Meanwhile, in international waters north of Japan Friday, the

U.S. Navy frigate Badger came within about 600 yards of a missile-carrying Soviet cruiser as the search was intensified for the wreckage and flight-data recorder of the airliner, which was shot down Sept. 1.

Rear Adm. Masayoshi Kato of Japan's Marine Safety Agency said the search was proceeding peacefully, but added, "I hope no shooting incident will occur between the two vessels."

The search area is near tiny Moneron Island, near the Soviet island Sakhalin, and at last report there were 19 Soviet ships, 4 U.S. Navy craft and 2 Japanese vessels operating in the 12-mile stretch of international waters.

At the urging of the United States, the International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N. agency, voted 26-2 to order an investigation of the Soviet downing of the KAL jet. "We cannot agree to this resolution," Soviet delegate Ivan Orlovets said before the vote.

In Peking, China's Foreign Ministry said the families of the 269 victims have the right to demand compensation.

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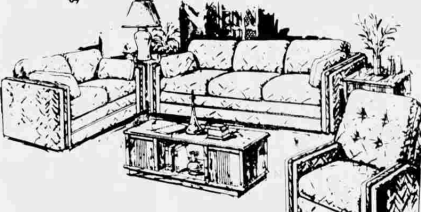
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