

*Ted Kennedy's Initial Account of the Incident at Chappaquiddick*

01 On July 18th, 1969, at approximately 11:15 P.M. in  
02 Chappaquiddick, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, I was  
03 driving my car on Main Street on my way to get the ferry  
04 back to Edgartown. I was unfamiliar with the road and turned  
05 right onto Dike Road, instead of bearing hard left on Main  
06 Street. After proceeding for approximately one-half mile on  
07 Dike Road I descended a hill and came upon a narrow bridge.  
08 The car went off the side of the bridge. There was one  
09 passenger with me, one Miss ———, a former  
10 secretary of my brother Sen. Robert Kennedy. The car turned  
11 over and sank into the water and landed with the roof resting  
12 on the bottom. I attempted to open the door and the window  
13 of the car but have no recollection of how I got out of the  
14 car. I came to the surface and then repeatedly dove down to  
15 the car in an attempt to see if the passenger was still in  
16 the car. I was unsuccessful in the attempt. I recall walking  
17 back to where my friends were eating. There was a car parked  
18 in front of the cottage and I climbed into the backseat. I  
19 then asked for someone to bring me back to Edgartown. I  
20 remember walking around for a period then going back to my  
21 my hotel room. When I fully realized what had happened this  
22 morning, I immediately contacted the police.