

HEFNERAIDED DEAD; WAS IN DRUG TRIAL

Assistant Found in Chicago
Hotel—Notes Reported

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (UPI) — Bobbie Arnstein, executive secretary of Hugh Hefner, the Playboy magazine entrepreneur, was found dead today in a hotel room, an apparent suicide victim. She had been appealing a 15-year sentence for drug conspiracy.

The police said Miss Arnstein, 32 years old, had checked into the Maryland Hotel in the near North Side nightclub district Saturday under an assumed name.

Several notes indicating suicide were found in her room, said Sgt. Daniel Groth of the Police Department. She was identified from a driver's license for Roberta Arnstein in her purse. He said there had been no exact determination of the cause of death. Earlier, it was believed that she died of a drug overdose.

Miss Arnstein had continued to live in the Chicago Playboy mansion, not far from the Maryland Hotel, after she was convicted last year on Federal charges of conspiring with a boyfriend and two other men to bring cocaine from Miami to Chicago.

'Dynamite Coke'

There was testimony at her trial of cocaine-sniffing parties at the mansion and of a legally tapped telephone call in which she told her friend of a request for "some dynamite coke."

Her 15-year sentence was conditional and she was allowed to stay free pending appeal.

It was believed that she had a chance to gain a lesser sentence if she cooperated with Federal and Cook County grand jury investigations of activities in Mr. Hefner's Chicago and Los Angeles mansions.

Miss Arnstein's arrest last year was the first of a series of developments involving the parties given by Mr. Hefner, who is editor and publisher of Playboy magazine.

Several Playboy executives, including Mr. Hefner, have been subpoenaed to testify in the various investigations.

Mr. Hefner, 48, is asked to tell a Cook County grand jury what he knows of the death from a drug overdose in September, 1973, of Adrienne Pollock, 23. She was a Playboy "bunny" and close friend of Miss Arnstein's.