

Hefner Aide Dies, An Apparent Suicide

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CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (UPI) —

Bobbie Arnstein, executive secretary of Playboy magazine magnate Hugh Hefner who was appealing a 15-year drug sentence, was found dead today in a hotel room, an apparent suicide.

Police said Miss Arnstein, 32, had checked into the Maryland Hotel in the Near North Side nightclub district Saturday under an assumed name.

There were several notes indicating suicide in her room when she was found, Police Sgt. Daniel Groth said she was identified from a driver's license.

Groth said there had been no exact determination of the cause of death. Earlier, it had been believed she died of a drug overdose.

Miss Arnstein had continued to live in the Chicago Playboy mansion and remained on Hefner's payroll after she was convicted last year on federal charges of conspiring with a boyfriend and two other men to bring a quantity of cocaine from Miami to Chicago.

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 bid for "some dynamite coke."

The 15-year sentence was of a conditional nature and she had been freed pending appeal.

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

Several Playboy executives, including Hefner, have been subpoenaed to testify in the various investigations. Hefner, 48, is specifically asked to tell a Cook County grand jury



BOBBIE ARNSTEIN
... faced jail on drugs

what he knows of the death in September, 1973, by drug overdose of a Playboy "Bunny" and close friend of Miss Arnstein's Adrienne Pollack, 23.