

Hefner Subpoenaed in Drug Probe

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CHICAGO, Dec. 12 — Play-

boy magazine publisher Hugh Hefner was subpoenaed today by a Cook County grand jury probing the death from a drug overdose of a Playboy

model, Adrienne Pollack, 23. The county investigation comes in the wake of a massive federal probe of Hefner and alleged drug traffic in his Chicago and Beverly Hills Playboy mansions.

More than 20 persons, including 10 Playboy employees, have been subpoenaed by a federal grand jury here in that investigation. The federal inquiry also includes several Hollywood celebrities who allegedly obtained drugs at Hefner's mansions, sources said. The subpoena for Hefner in the Cook County investigation was issued following com-



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plaints by Miss Pollack's mother, Gertrude, of suburban Niles, who told State's Attorney Bernard Carey she sus-

pects foul play may have been involved in her daughter's death.

Miss Pollack was found dead of a drug overdose in September, 1973, in a North-side apartment, a few blocks from the Chicago Playboy Club, where she worked, and near the Playboy mansion, where she had lived for 18 months before taking her own apartment.

The Chicago mansion houses 30 bunnies and various celebrity guests and also contains Hefner's personal quarters. Among other things, the mansion has a swimming pool, an underwater bar, a bowling alley and a giant ballroom.

"We want to know if the drugs that killed Miss Pollack were obtained from the mansion or from persons close to Hefner," said Ralph Berkowitz, first assistant state's attorney. "We also want to know

if any foul play was involved," he added.

The federal drug probe, being coordinated by Jerry Jensen, regional director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, seeks to determine whether the mansions were used as drug distribution points and placed where drugs were frequently used.

At the recent trial of Hefner's social secretary, Bobbie Arnstein, 32, a government witness, George Matthews, testified that there were cocaine parties at the Chicago mansion. Mrs. Arnstein and two men were convicted of con-

spiring to sell cocaine. She was given a 15-year conditional prison sentence by U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Becker, who said he may reduce it after examining additional evidence on her mental condition.

In the course of investigating Mrs. Arnstein the government widened its probe to include Hefner, some Hollywood celebrities, and employees of the Playboy mansions, Jensen said, adding, "the list of those subpoenaed will probably grow."

Thus far, Hefner has remained silent, but Lee Gotlieb, press chief for Playboy Enterprises, parent company of the magazine, Playboy Clubs, and Playboy hotels, said Hefner is in the midst of drafting a formal statement