

## NIGHT LEAD KILGALLEN

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NEW YORK, NOV. 15 (AP)-A MODERATE MIXTURE OF ALCOHOL AND BARBITURATES WAS BLAMED TODAY FOR THE DEATH OF DOROTHY KILGALLEN, 52, BROADWAY COLUMNIST AND TELEVISION PANELIST.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER JAMES LUKE CALLED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MISS KILGALLEN'S DEATH "INDECISIVE" AND DID NOT RULE ON WHETHER IT WAS ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDE.

MISS KILGALLEN WAS FOUND DEAD IN BED IN HER EAST SIDE APARTMENT A WEEK AGO. SHE FIRST WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK BUT THAT WAS RULED OUT IN A PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY.

DR. LUKE REPORTED AFTER FURTHER TESTS THAT MISS KILGALLEN DIED OF "ACUTE ETHANOL (ALCOHOL) AND BARBITURATE INTOXICATION."

HE SAID THE QUANTITIES OF ALCOHOL AND BARBITURATES IN THE BLOOD-STREAM WERE NOT EXCESSIVE, BUT THAT THE COMBINATION CAUSED A FATAL "DEPRESSION ON THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM."

SHORTLY BEFORE HER DEATH, MISS KILGALLEN HAD APPEARED AS A REGULAR PANELIST ON THE CBS SUNDAY NIGHT SHOW, "WHAT'S MY LINE." MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PAID INDIVIDUAL TRIBUTE TO HER AT THE CLOSE OF LAST NIGHT'S SHOW, WHERE HER PLACE WAS TAKEN BY ACTRESS KITTY CARLISLE.

A NEWSPAPERWOMAN FOR 34 YEARS, MISS KILGALLEN SINCE 1938 HAD WRITTEN THE COLUMN, "VOICE OF BROADWAY," FOR THE NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN. IT WAS WIDELY SYNDICATED.

IN ENTERING THE NEWSPAPER FIELD, MISS KILGALLEN FOLLOWED THE FOOTSTEPS OF HER FATHER, JAMES L. KILGALLEN, ONE-TIME STAR REPORTER FOR THE OLD INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE AND NOW AN EMPLOYEE OF THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN.

IN PRIVATE LIFE, MISS KILGALLEN WAS THE WIFE OF PRODUCER DICK KILLMAR. THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN, RICHARD KILLMAR JR., 23; MRS. LARRY GROSSMAN, 21, AND KERRY KOLLMAR, 11.

MISS KILGALLEN WAS BURIED LAST THURSDAY AFTER A REQUIEM MASS AT ST. VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

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