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Young Mother Jumps to Death

Death plunge of an 18-year-old mother of an 11-day-old child out a window of a Covington hospital was attributed Tuesday to "neurosis."

Mrs. Mary Ann Cummins, 365 Washington ave., Bellevue, died of a skull fracture at 4:30 p. m. Monday, less than two hours after the tragedy at Booth Hospital. Several nurses witnessed the fatal, 20-foot drop into an alleyway.

RETURNING a tentative verdict of accidental death, Dr. E. L. Smith, Kenton County coroner, said the young mother "didn't know what she was doing because of her condition."

He said that Mrs. Cummins was suffering from a neurosis since the birth of her first child, a girl, at St. Luke Hospital, Ft. Thomas. After the birth, she was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Callahan, Dayton, Kentucky.

SHE WAS admitted to Speers Hospital, Dayton, Friday and transferred to Booth Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Cummins opened an emergency door on the second floor of the psychiatric ward, where she was a pa-

tient, police were notified more than four hours after the plunge. An automatic alarm sounded with the door's opening, bringing nurses to the scene.

The victim ran to a landing between the second and third floors and stepped out the open window, officers said.

Requiem high mass will be sung Thursday at 9 a. m. at St. Bernard Church, Dayton, following prayers at 8:30 a. m. at Vonderhaar & Stetter funeral home, Newport. Burial will be in St. Stephen Cemetery, Ft. Thomas.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday after 3 p. m.

Mrs. Cummins leaves her husband, Kline Cummins, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Callahan.