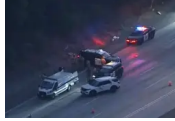


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SAD WRITINGS OF SUICIDE MODEL

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Investigators probing the suicide of a Kazakh supermodel said she left depressed musings on her home computer, police sources said yesterday.

Though investigators found no suicide note, catwalker Ruslana Korshunova left long messages describing how she missed her home and family, and talked about problems with her love life.

Shortly after writing the notes, the 20-year-old neatly cut a hole in construction mesh covering her ninth-floor balcony, squeezed through it and plunged to her death, police sources said.

The slit in the mesh – and a knife left near it – are part of the evidence sources said convinced the city’s medical examiner that Korshunova hurled herself from her downtown home.

Friends and family believe she never could have killed herself, describing her as cheerful and showing no sign of wanting to commit suicide.

Others said she was lonely and suffering a mysterious stomach ailment in the days before her death.

"It was a slip and a fall," her ex-boyfriend, Artem Perchenok, said yesterday. "That's what we all want to believe."

Police sources said they believe the beauty was home alone before her death. First responders found her Water Street apartment locked.

When they broke through the door, they found the place untidy but with no signs of a struggle. Friends told cops Korshunova's home was always messy.

Tests on the model's body found no wounds that suggested she had been fighting, nor skin or DNA underneath her fingernails – commonly found on people who have struggled with attackers.

Cops also found several bottles of medication, their labels in Russian, a source told The Post.

Korshunova's love life had recently become complicated after she split with longtime boyfriend Perchenok and started seeing new flame Mark Kaminsky.

Perchenok was convinced the two would get back together, and he had been with Korshunova the night before she died. Both men also planned to spend the model's birthday – which would have been today – with her.

A friend told The Post she had yet another boyfriend in her homeland.

Korshunova, who was discovered in Kazakhstan when she was 15 and moved to New York shortly thereafter, has modeled for Marc Jacobs, DKNY and Vera Wang, and also made the cover of French Elle.

She jumped from her apartment on Saturday.

Her mother, Valentina, visited the home yesterday. She stood outside before entering, tracing the path of her daughter's fall with her eyes. *Additional reporting by Beth Braveman and Joe Mollica*

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