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Club Doorman Shoots Girl, Kills Himself

Roommate's Fiancee In Critical Condition, Man Died Instantly

Miami, Aug. 13.—(UP.)—A nightclub doorman from the Bronx who was in love with his roommate's fiancee shot her today and then killed himself with a bullet through his head.

The girl, Lynn Becker of Miami Beach and the Bronx, was in critical condition in St. Francis Hospital with a bullet wound in the right temple. She is 24.

Died Instantly.

Edward Samuel Breakstone, 45, who greeted cafe society at the door of the Five O'Clock Club, fired more accurately at his own head and died instantly in the quarters of an apartment house manager.

Two women told police they saw the shooting. They were Mrs. Dorothy Patrylo, another tenant, who was making a telephone call in the apartment of Mrs. Dora Samuels, house manager who also saw the shooting.

They said Miss Becker came in to see Mrs. Patrylo and that a short time later Breakstone entered. Mrs. Samuels said he offered Miss Becker some money, which she refused.

Breakstone left but returned with a .32 caliber pistol which he fired pointblank at the girl's head. As she slumped to the floor, Breakstone pressed the gun muzzle to his right temple, pulled the trigger and fell dead across the girl.

Soon to Marry.

Edwin Mar Warner, who shared an apartment in the building with Breakstone, said he was soon to marry Miss Becker. He told of Breakstone's admitted love for the girl and said they often discussed it in a friendly manner.

Warner said he once took the doorman to a psychiatrist with the hope that Breakstone could be cured of his futile infatuation.

Warner said Miss Becker never returned Breakstone's affection.

Breakstone left a note in his room which read:

"Dear Mom: Excuse me for what I did. I always love you. Samuel."