

YOUNG'S NIECE CATHY CURRY IN HOSPITAL FOR OVERDOSE

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Cathy Volsan Curry, the troubled niece of Mayor Coleman Young who has figured in three major federal criminal investigations, was hospitalized Friday after a drug overdose.

Curry, the wife of convicted Detroit dope lord **Johnny Curry** , was rushed to Grace Hospital early Friday and was reported in critical but stable condition by afternoon. She was being treated in the hospital's intensive care unit, said spokesman John Courte.

Late Friday, the hospital refused to discuss Curry's condition at her family's request.

Several high-ranking police officials went to her family home on San Juan in response to the overdose, according to people familiar with the situation and speaking on condition of anonymity. They said they had been ordered not to discuss the matter.

Police personnel also were at the hospital, although it was not known in what capacity they were acting.

Mayoral spokesman Bob Berg said Young would have no comment.

The overdose is the latest distressing episode for Curry, 27, who has long struggled against drug addiction.

Her drug use and close association with some of Detroit's most notorious dope gangsters cast her in featured positions in a major drug conspiracy case, former Chief William Hart's embezzlement trial and a pending police corruption case.

The current crisis forced an adjournment of her father's arraignment in federal court Friday. Her father, Willie Clyde Volsan, is facing retrial in November on charges he helped recruit police officers to guard a money laundering operation and a drug shipment.

The supposed drug and money operations were actually an FBI sting, with an agent posing as a Colombian cocaine dealer. Undercover FBI agents initially contacted Curry to recruit the police guards, but she turned to her father when she was unable to carry out the deal, federal officials said.

Charges against Curry were dropped, and she became a defense witness in the trial of her father and several Detroit- area police officers.

The trial ended in acquittal of minor players while the jury deadlocked on charges against her father and Detroit Police Sgt. Jimmy Harris.

Timothy Murphy, her father's lawyer, said he expects that Curry will fully recover in time to testify in the retrial.

During the first trial, Murphy argued that the FBI tricked Curry into leaving a northern Michigan drug treatment program, and that she turned to her father out of panic when she was unable to find corrupt cops after accepting money from the agents posing as drug dealers.

In 1987, she was named an unindicted coconspirator in the case against her husband, **Johnny Curry**, who ran a major Detroit drug operation. Her husband was given a 20-year prison term after his conviction.

After her husband was jailed, she began a relationship with teenage dope boss Richard (White Boy Rick) Wershe. Papers found in a home she shared with Wershe included private police telephone numbers.

Caption: Photo

: Cathy Curry ***

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