

# Death Fall on Wedding Eve

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The wedding march which Walter S. Warthen expected to hear yesterday has turned to a dirge for his death, the tragic result of a prenuptial celebration with his bride to be.

The 35 year old cook was killed shortly after midnight in Oakland when he failed in a leap from a roof to a window ledge of his apartment. He plunged thirty-seven feet to his death.

Police said Warthen and his fiancée, 30 year old Linda Lane, had gone to a bar for a prenuptial celebration. She left on an errand, taking with her the keys to Warthen's apartment at 542 Twenty-fifth Street.

Then Warthen returned home. Finding his keys missing, he attempted to get into the third floor window of his apartment by climbing to the roof of the adjacent building and leaping for the ledge, which was about eight feet away. He failed.

His bride to be returned to his place to find police removing his body. Warthen was a cook at a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.