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## Martin Short's Daughter Found Following Father's Concern

### Description

The autopsy report for Katherine Short, the daughter of actor Martin Short, has been released. Katherine was found dead in her home in Hollywood Hills on February 23. Her father became worried when he could not contact her for 24 hours. He asked a friend to check on her.

When the friend arrived, they found a note on Katherine's locked bedroom door. The friend called 911. Police forced open the door and found Katherine in bed. A gun was found near her.

The medical examiner said Katherine's death was a suicide. She died from a gunshot wound to her head. A suicide note was also found, but its content is not public.

Katherine had a history of mental illness and depression. She had a previous suicide attempt in 2017. Martin Short has spoken about his daughter's struggles. He compared her situation to the death of his wife from cancer. He said losing a child is very hard. He is trying to cope with this loss.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **autopsy** //ˈɔːtəpsi// (noun): medical exam after a person dies
2. **suicide** //ˈsuːɪsaɪd// (noun): when someone kills themselves on purpose
3. **examiner** //ɪgˈzæmənər// (noun): person who examines a body after death
4. **depression** //dɪˈpreʃən// (noun): long time feeling very sad and tired
5. **attempt** //əˈtempt// (noun): try to do something, often unsuccessfully
6. **cope** //koʊp// (verb): manage to deal with a difficult time

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. When was Katherine Short found dead?

Option: February 23

Option: January 15

Option: March 10

Option: December 1



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2. What was found near Katherine's body?
    - Option: A letter
    - Option: A gun
    - Option: A bottle of pills
    - Option: A photo
  
  3. What did Martin Short do when he could not contact Katherine?
    - Option: Called the police
    - Option: Asked a friend to check on her
    - Option: Visited her home
    - Option: Sent her a message
  
  4. What did the medical examiner conclude about Katherine's death?
    - Option: Accidental
    - Option: Homicide
    - Option: Suicide
    - Option: Natural causes
  
  5. What year did Katherine have a previous suicide attempt?
    - Option: 2015
    - Option: 2016
    - Option: 2017
    - Option: 2018
  
  6. Who is Katherine Short's father?
    - Option: Martin Short
    - Option: Steve Martin
    - Option: Jim Carrey
    - Option: Eddie Murphy

**True-False**

7. Katherine Short was found in her kitchen.
  
8. A friend discovered Katherine's body after being asked by her father.
  
9. Katherine Short had no previous history of mental illness.



10. Martin Short compared his daughter's situation to the death of a family pet.
11. A suicide note was found but its content is public.
12. Katherine Short passed away in Los Angeles.

### Gap-Fill

13. Katherine Short was found dead in her home in Hollywood Hills on February 23. Her father waited \_\_\_\_\_ before asking a friend to check on her.
14. The friend found a note on Katherine's locked bedroom \_\_\_\_\_ when they arrived.
15. The medical examiner said Katherine's death was a \_\_\_\_\_ due to a gunshot wound.
16. Katherine had a history of mental illness and \_\_\_\_\_ which contributed to her struggles.
17. Martin Short has spoken about trying to cope with the loss of his \_\_\_\_\_ child.
18. Katherine had a previous suicide attempt in \_\_\_\_\_ before her final passing.

### Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. February 23 2. A gun 3. Asked a friend to check on her 4. Suicide 5. 2017 6. Martin Short  
**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True  
**Gap-Fill:** 13. 24 hours 14. door 15. suicide 16. depression 17. daughter 18. 2017

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