

Robert C. Brown

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Kills Self By Firing Rifle With His Toe

Wife Finds Body of Man Who Had Shortly Before Been Dismissed From Job

Despondent over loss of his position, Robert Clarence Brown, 54 years old, fired a bullet through his brain in a room on the second floor of his home, 1710 Thirty-fourth street northwest, yesterday, the police say.

The body was found lying on the floor, with a .22 caliber rifle and a box containing cartridges near it, by Mrs. Brown when she returned from a shopping tour.

Brown fired the fatal shot after placing the muzzle of the rifle in his mouth and, clutching the barrel with both hands, kicking the trigger with the toe of his foot, the police said.

His wife summoned a doctor from Georgetown hospital, who stated that Brown had been dead at least an hour. Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt issued a certificate of death by suicide. Brown, who was employed in constructing billboards, was dismissed from his position yesterday.