

Suicide bid by Sid Vicious

Screaming, "I want to die, I want to join Nancy," punk rocker Sid Vicious slashed his arms early today in an apparent suicide attempt.

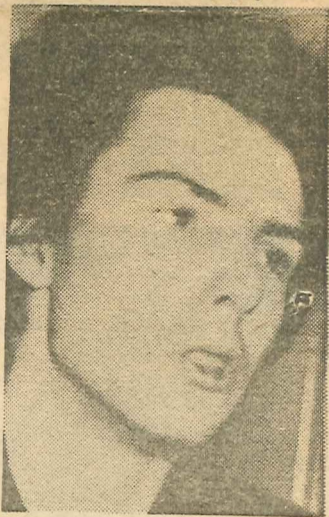
Vicious, whose real name is John Simon Ritchie, is charged with stabbing his girlfriend, Nancy Spungen, to death Oct. 12 in the room they shared in the Hotel Chelsea. He is out on bail pending his trial.

Vicious, a member of the defunct Sex Pistols group, used a broken light bulb and a razor to inflict a deep cut "almost the entire length of his right arm," according to Police Officer John Malone.

A friend of Vicious told The Post that the singer had cried out, "I want to die. I want to join Nancy. I didn't keep my part of the bargain," when he cut himself in an eighth floor room he now shares with his mother at the Hotel Seville on E. 29th Street.

Sources said that Vicious went into the bathroom and slashed at both his wrists while his mother was in bed. She then notified friends who in turn called police.

"When we came into the room he was struggling with a man who said he was his psychiatrist," Malone said. "The psychia-



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trist said Ritchie tried to jump out the window but he restrained him.

"His mother was crying. She didn't say anything. The psychiatrist said Ritchie 'is a man with problems.'"

When the cops walked into the room, Vicious was dressed only in a pair of pants.

He was taken to Bellevue where he was treated and then transferred to the psychiatry division for evaluation. A hospital spokesman said the examination would determine whether Vicious would be admitted or discharged.

While being held at Rikers Island, Vicious had been placed in the drug detoxification ward, under treatment for withdrawal from methadone.

He was freed on \$50,000 bail last week and had dropped out of sight since then.