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Woman likely jumped from bridge A woman whose body was found Monday partially buried in cement rubble under the Chief John Ross (Market Street) Bridge likely committed suicide, police officials said Wednesday.

The death of Janie Darlene Ashmore Targart was attributed to "blunt force trauma" from a fall, according to a preliminary Hamilton County medical examiner's report.

"There were other injuries from the fallen debris, but each of those was a postmortem injury," said Sgt. Tom Layne, spokesman for the Chattanooga Police Department.

Construction crews found the remains of the 52-year-old Red Bank woman while working at the now-closed drawbridge near Coolidge Park.

The bridge was closed in September for structural repairs.

Police investigators said they believe workers unknowingly covered the body with cement as they were demolishing the bridge. **Brainerd house burns; none injured** Chattanooga firefighters extinguished a fire Wednesday at 825 Woodmore Lane, according to Bruce Garner, spokesman for the Chattanooga Fire Department.

Martha Thomas, 73, said she heard a noise toward the rear of the house before 2 p.m., and when she opened the door to a utility room, flames were visible around a gas-fired water heater. Ms. Thomas said she tried pouring a pan of water on the fire. When that failed, she said she called a friend, who told her to hang up and call 911.

The damage was estimated at around \$75,000, Mr. Garner said. No injuries were reported. The fire appeared to be accidental and likely caused by combustibles placed too close to the water heater, officials reported.