

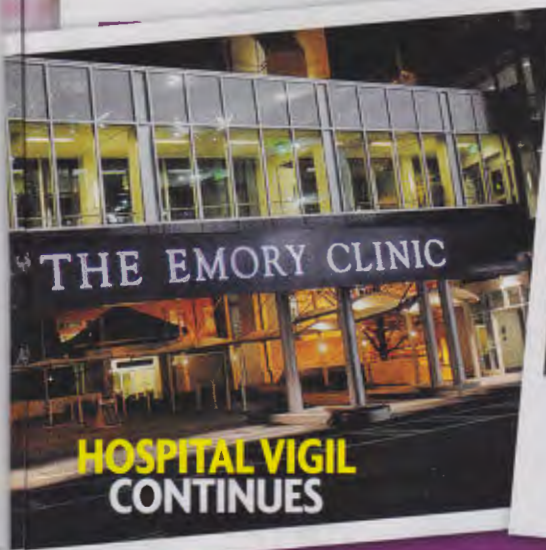
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— a friend tells *Star*

***Bobbi
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IS NICK TO BLAME?

AS WHITNEY HOUSTON'S DAUGHTER CLINGS
TO LIFE, LOVED ONES ARE SPEAKING OUT
AGAINST HER TROUBLED BOYFRIEND.



HER FAMILY'S ANGUISHED CHOICE

Many conflicting stories have been circulating about Bobbi Kristina's condition, with some reports claiming she has shown improvement. What is known is that she's been unconscious and on life support since she was admitted to the hospital on Jan. 31. And unless she makes a miraculous recovery, her family (including grandmother **Cissy Houston**, left) faces a serious decision. "If Bobbi Kristina were to be found brain dead, then the decision to be made is whether or not to take her off life support," Dr. Joseph Pinzone, CEO and medical director of AMAI, tells *Star*. "Once taken off life support, they can live anywhere from hours to days, until they pass with no pain or suffering."

HE claims to have had no idea of his young girlfriend's whereabouts until it was too late. But two weeks after Nick Gordon called 911 after finding **Bobbi**

Kristina Brown in the tub, unconscious and barely clinging to life, insiders are painting a dark picture of the couple's relationship — and suggesting Nick, 25, may be to blame for her tragic fate.

"Nick has suffered with personal anger issues and took them out on Krissy," says an insider of Whitney Houston's 21-year-

old daughter, who has been on life support since Jan. 31. "Now, her loved ones are determined to get to the bottom of what part Nick might have played in what happened to her."

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Though it was initially believed to be a horrible accident, a police investigation was launched when injuries were found on Bobbi Kristina's face. And while Nick has not been charged with any crime, a friend of the couple's, alleged drug dealer Maxwell Lomas, was at their home when Nick found Bobbi Kristina. Maxwell has since lawyered up, reportedly claiming that a strange-acting Nick cleaned the house of bloodstains before cops arrived.

Leolah Brown, Bobbi Kristina's aunt, has taken things even further, telling a Fox TV reporter, "I believe Nick Gordon will be charged with this," and adding, "I hope that he will be charged with this, as well. Soon. I really do."

Indeed, insiders say that, whether or not Nick is directly responsible for Bobbi Kristina's grim condition, he's been a bad influence on her from the start. Adopted out of a troubled home as a teen by Whitney, he became involved with Bobbi Kristina after her mother's death, and some believe he took advantage of her emotional vulnerability.

"She told people close to her that he was emotionally abusive," the insider says. "Krissy and Nick needed to be in counseling over their issues. It was

extremely unhealthy. In Krissy's fragile state of mind, their relationship was a recipe for disaster."

A DANGEROUS DRUG HABIT

Making matters even worse, Bobbi Kristina followed Nick's lead — and sadly that of her parents — and began taking drugs ranging from marijuana and cocaine to heroin and crack. According to a published report, she was spending \$5,000 a week on drugs — fueling an increasingly dangerous habit that Nick was enabling.

Another source tells *Star* that just a few months prior to her hospitalization, the couple checked into a detox spa in Palm Springs, Calif. — only to leave in search of more drugs. "People's surroundings and the company they keep play a huge role in how they act," observes Dr. Damon Raskin, California-based medical director at Cliffside Malibu treatment center. "If Krissy's close friends were using heroin and crack, there's a good chance that she was negatively influenced into doing the same."

With Bobbi Kristina's life still hanging in the balance, her loved ones are looking for justice. "They want Nick to pay for what he did to Krissy," the insider says. "They won't rest until he does!" ★

The Cycle Continues

In some ways, Bobbi Kristina and Nick's relationship mirrors that of her parents. Whitney and Bobby Brown's 15-year marriage was marred by drug abuse and violence, with Bobby charged with battery in 2003.

WHERE TO GET HELP FOR ADDICTION

If you or someone you love needs help in fighting addiction, Cliffside Malibu treatment center provides a full range of services. More information is available at cliffsidemalibu.com.