

Coroner: Bitcoin exchange CEO committed suicide

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A Singapore Coroner's Court has found that the American CEO of a virtual currency exchange committed suicide earlier this year in Singapore because of work and personal issues.

The death on Feb. 26 of 28-year-old Autumn Radtke triggered media interest because it occurred not long after the high-profile collapse of the Mt. Gox bitcoin exchange in Tokyo.

The report released Monday said that Radtke was "determined to end her life and had made concerted efforts toward facilitating this outcome," including by researching suicide methods on the Internet.

"The magnitude of the issues on the work and personal front had taken a toll on her," it said.

Details of the coroner's findings were reported on the website of the Singapore state broadcaster Channel NewsAsia.

It said Radtke died from multiple injuries sustained from her fall from an apartment building.

Radtke's startup company, First Meta, allowed users of virtual currencies such as bitcoin to trade and cash out the currencies. It is one of several such exchanges.

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