Woman gave no warning she would kill self, daughter

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HALTOM CITY — Marceen Kreider's life was in turmoil during the weeks before she apparently shot her 10-year-old daughter to death and turned the gun on herself.

The 36-year-old nurse was in divorce proceedings with her husband. She was trying to sell their house in the upscale Haltom City neighborhood where they had lived for four or five years. She switched jobs earlier this month so she could spend more time with her only child, 10-year-old Alicia.

"She was looking for a change," said Marsha Cox, head of nursing at the Fort Worth medical facility where Kreider worked full time until 12 days ago. "She seemed to be having a hard time deciding what she was going to do."

But no one had any indication that the turmoil in Kreider's life would lead to the tragedy discovered by a friend late Wednesday morning in the Kreider home.

As she and her daughter were "ready to start the day," police said, Kreider shot and killed 10-year-old Alicia and then killed herself.

Autopsies yesterday showed that Ali-

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