



## Inmate names guard in Steinhauser death

### Pen shooting details submitted to court

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The bullet that killed Mary Steinhauser during the June siege at the B.C. Penitentiary was fired by prison guard Albert Hollinger, inmate Andrew Bruce alleged Tuesday in New Westminster provincial court.

Bruce named Hollinger as Miss Steinhauser's killer in a 2,000-word statement he read to the open court at the end of a 1/2-day preliminary hearing into charges arising from the siege.

His written statement, which Judge Philip Govan entered as an exhibit in the proceedings, contained the first public allegations of what occurred at the end of the 41-hour siege.

Bruce, whose statement was not given under oath, alleged that Hollinger shot him "once then twice in quick succession" in the jaw before he fired the shot that struck and killed Miss Steinhauser.

During last summer's government-ordered inquiry into the siege and hostage-taking incident, Hollinger was named as the person who deliberately

mixed up the guns used by the six-man tactical squad that broke the siege.

B.C. Chief Justice John Farris, who headed the two-month-long probe, accused Hollinger, a member of the tactical squad, of mixing up the guns in order to ensure that it would never be known which guard actually shot and killed Mary Steinhauser.

The judge rejected as an "insult to intelligence" Hollinger's explanation that he had taken the guns during the cleanup operation in order to prevent them falling into the hands of the inmates.

Bruce's statement said: "Blood was shooting almost straight out from my jaw. I saw Mary out of the corner of my eye. She was just in front of me, down on her knees too; but leaning to her right.

"She was trying to move toward me and she screamed, 'Don't shoot him.' Just as she finished this, Hollinger, whom I'd been watching all along, fired again and Mary fell to her side in front of me.

"Mary was hit by that bullet."

Bruce said he continued to look directly

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MARY STEINHAUSER and convict Andy Bruce are seen at party, organized by inmates' families, at B.C. Penitentiary. Two weeks later she died at

end of 41-hour siege after Bruce and two other convicts took her hostage along with other members of the penitentiary staff.