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Mental Test Ordered as Assailant Of Warhol Loses Cool at Hearing

NEW YORK, June 4 (UPI)—The actress-playwright who shot and critically wounded "pop" art and movie pioneer Andy Warhol lost her cool in court today and shouted "I didn't do it for nothing."

While the artist's assailant, Valerie Solanas, was being arraigned for attempted murder and possession of a dangerous weapon, Warhol fought for his life at Columbus Hospital. Physicians said he showed some improvement and had slightly better than a 50-50 chance for survival.

Miss Solanas, 28-year-old star of Warhol's recent film, "I, A Man", indicated to Criminal Court Judge David Getzoff that Warhol had tried to stop her from getting a play she had written published or produced because he had first claim on it.

"It was reported in the papers that I shot Andy because he wouldn't produce my play, but it was for the opposite reason," she shouted. "He had a legal claim on my work. It is not often I shoot somebody. I didn't do it for nothing."

Miss Solanas had to be pulled from the courtroom after Getzoff put the arraignment over for 24 hours to allow time for a preliminary psychiatric examination "in view of the defendant's conduct." He appointed a legal aid attorney to represent her over her protestations that she intended to "defend myself."

"You must realize this is a serious charge," Getzoff told her.

"That's why it's going to remain in my competent hands," she snapped.

The square-jawed, man-nishly dressed woman has a professed hatred of men and is the organizer of a group called "The Society for Cutting Up Men (SCUM)," according to police. The organization has "something of a following" in Greenwich Village and other Bohemian enclaves, they said.

Miss Solanas gave herself up to a Times Square policeman several hours after she invaded Warhol's Union Square studio Monday and opened fire on the elfin, silver-haired artist and a visitor, art gallery director Mario Amaya of London.

"The police are looking for me and want me," she told the patrolman. "He had too much control of my life."

A .32 caliber bullet entered Warhol's chest and penetrated his lungs, abdomen at spleen before emerging through his right side. Amaya, 34, who was only slightly wounded, was able to appear in court today as a complainant.

The gallery director told reporters that Miss Solanas looked "strange" to him when she entered Warhol's studio but he paid little attention because it "was Andy's business to find strange people" for his films.