Latest terrorist death confirmed as suicide

BONN, West Germany, (AP) — An autopsy has left "no doubt" that the prison death of a terrorist member of the Red Army Faction was a suicide, German authorities said Sunday.

Ingrid Schubert, whose freedom was demanded by hijackers of a Lufthansa jetliner last month, was found hanged by a rope made of bedsheets in her cell Saturday evening.

The 33-year-old former medical assistant was a leading member of West Germany's notorious RAF. A guard making hourly cell checks at Stadelheim Prison in Munich discovered the body and Justice Ministry officials said the death "could not be prevented."

Miss Schubert was the fourth RAF member to die in jail in less than a month, and all four have been ruled suicides by authorities. But one of Miss Schubert's attorneys cautioned against accepting "hasty versions" of the death and called for a full investigation.

In related developments:

-Lufthansa Airlines tightened airport security and modified some takeoff and landing routes because of a terrorist threat to blow up three of the West German airline's jets in mid-air starting Tuesday.

-Two suspected German terrorists remained under intensive guard in an Amsterdam hospital after a shootout with Dutch police last week. One of them, 26-year-old Christop Wackernagel, is a suspect in

the kidnapping-murder of West German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer last month. His companion is Gert Richard Schneider, 29

a firebomb was tossed into a district court building in the suburb of Altona about 3 a m. Sunday, setting off a blaze that damaged two rooms. A police spokesman said the attack may have been in reaction to news of Miss Schubert's death.

A Bavarian Justice Ministry official speculated that Miss Schubert may have become despondent over the arrests of the Wackernagel and Schneider. But no suicide note was found, officials

Her body was discovered at 7:10 p m. Saturday, one hour after prison guards said they had checked her cell and seen Miss Shubert alive.

Reinhard Beck, spokesman for the Bavarian Justice Ministry, said the late night autopsy performed at a Munich University clinic "brought forth no evidence which stands in opposition to suicide."

Bavarian officials said they plan a complete in vestigation of the death, in cluding interviews with guards and others who had



Ingrid Schubert

come in contact with the brunette.

Miss Schubert joined the Red Army Faction while a student at the Free University of Berlin in the late 1960s. She was serving a 13-year prison sentence for attempted murder, bank robbery and membership in a criminal organization.

She was arrested in 1970 and convicted of helping Andreas Baader, co-founder of anarchist Baader-Meinhof gang, to escape from a Berlin prison. Baader was recaptured in Frankfurt two years later and sentenced to life imprisonment along with Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe.