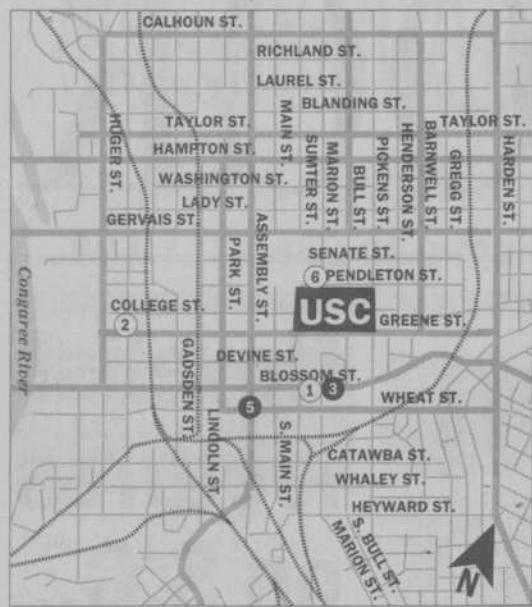


# POLICE REPORT



Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

**DAY CRIMES**  
(6 a.m.-6 p.m.)  
□ Violent  
○ Nonviolent

**NIGHT CRIMES**  
(6 p.m.-6 a.m.)  
■ Violent  
● Nonviolent

**CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS**  
■ Violent  
● Nonviolent

## Friday, March 1

**① MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY, 604 SUMTER ST.** The victim said someone caused severe damage to his door at Moore. The metal plate surrounding the doorknob was pried off. Housing Department maintenance was notified. Upon entry, the reporting officer discovered damage to the interior door as well. A hammer, which did not belong to the victim, was

found lying near the door. Estimated damage: \$100. Reporting officer: J. A. Henry.

**② MISSING PROPERTY, 720 COLLEGE ST.** The complainant said he is missing a set of keys to a 2002 Chevy Cargo van belonging to USC Custodial Services. Reporting officer: A. R. Ross.

## Sunday, March 3

**③ MISSING PERSON, 611 MARION ST.** The complainant said the subject was with him in the stairwell of McBryde F. The complainant said he went to his room for 30 seconds and when he came back, she was gone. The complainant said he conducted a search and tried to call her dorm room. The complainant also said he went to her room and found it locked. He has her room keys

and ID. The reporting officer also tried to find and contact the subject. A representative from Greek Life and the reporting officer opened all doors on the complainant's floor. The reporting officer also retraced the complainant's dorm area. Another officer located the subject's car, but it was locked. The reporting officer entered the subject's name and information into the missing persons field. The reporting officer took the subject's keys and ID for safekeeping. Reporting officer: J. A. Clarke.

**④ FOUND PROPERTY, 3312 DEVINE ST. (OFF MAP)** The complainant found a wallet at Earthfare. The wallet contained various ID cards, \$39 cash, three Synthroid tablets and two keys. The wallet was placed into a locker for safekeeping. Reporting officer: J. A. Henry.

**⑤ MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY, 500 ASSEMBLY ST.** The reporting officer found a door at the School of Music broken, and it wouldn't lock. The lock was broken and the panic bar was hanging loose. Maintenance was notified. Estimated damage: unknown. Reporting officer: J. A. Clarke.

**⑥ LARCENY OF CHECKS, CREDIT CARD, 1420 PENDLETON ST.** The victim said someone took her Capital One Visa, a Direct Merchants bank card and one book of Wachovia checks from her Thornwell dorm room. Reporting officer: J. Patterson and Z. Voulgarelis.

# U.S., Afghan troops could be slowed by harsh weather

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**GARDEZ, AFGHANISTAN** — U.S. troops scoured caves and cleared ridges of al-Qaida diehards Thursday, but sandstorms and high winds grounded helicopters and threatened to disrupt the U.S.-led air and ground offensive.

After some of the heaviest bombing in the six-day offensive, a number of supply flights were delayed or canceled because of the worsening weather. U.S. officials acknowledged pilots and troops on the ground would have a harder time routing the fighters in such bad conditions.

Maj. Bryan Hilfery, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, said 100 militants were killed Wednesday. Allied attacks also destroyed some of their heavy weaponry — which includes mortars, small cannons, rocket-propelled grenades and shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles.

"We're continuing to bolster our efforts, and units are continuing to maneuver in fire today, clearing ridgelines, caves and pockets of al-Qaida resistance," Hilfery said at Bagram air base, north of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

U.S. officials and Afghan commanders said al-Qaida sympathizers — including some from Pakistan — had crossed into the mountains to join the fight. Afghans said enemy forces may now number 1,000.

The commanders insisted the routes to the mountain passes had since been sealed — even though Taliban fighters managed to bring some of their slain comrades to the foothills of Surmad for burial Tuesday. Surmad is 18 miles south of Gardez, the capital of Paktia Province. Gardez is about 75 miles south of Kabul.

U.S. officials have said hundreds of fugitive fighters have been killed since Operation Anaconda began and small numbers detained. Eight American and three Afghan troops have died in the offensive.

Front-line commander Abdul Matin Hasankhiel said the battle to break al-Qaida was taking longer than expected because of the difficult terrain and harsh conditions.

"These are very high mountains and former mujahedeen bases that the Russians couldn't defeat — even with their heaviest bombing and best soldiers," he said, referring to the war against the Soviets in the 1980s.

# Infraction

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dence halls. According to Patel, the commission acted outside its jurisdiction by enforcing a university policy not in the SG elections codes. Patel also said the activity wasn't technically solicitation.

"I want to make two points here," Patel wrote in his appeal. "First is that we did not randomly knock on doors. Either the Patel staff or their escort knew the people who lived on the other side of the door. Secondly, we did not illegally enter any room or building without proper permission."

Hunter said, however, that the commission's decision was within its bounds.

"The Patel campaign admitted that they entered into residence halls. While they state the staff members merely had friends in the dorm, the Elections Commission issued an infraction because they were still in the dorms going door to door," Hunter wrote.

Patel said he disagrees with Hunter's decision to uphold the solicitation infraction, but said he wouldn't appeal the decision further.

"We're just going to let it stay at that," Patel said. "The students have spoken through their student representatives."

Meanwhile, there was no word on when Vice President of Student and Alumni Services Dennis Pruitt would act on Bornemann's appeal of the Elections Commission's decision not to overturn the runoff election despite Patel's infractions. A representative from Pruitt's office said on Thursday afternoon that no decision had been made about that appeal.

Hunter turned down a previous appeal from Bornemann on Tuesday.

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# Sanders

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brother's," Sanders said.

Sanders offered anecdotes on the South and talked about her experiences working with a food editor from Boston on her recent release, "Dori Sanders' Country Cooking: Recipes and Stories from the Family Farm Stand."

"If you think writing a novel is hard, do not get in the cooking business," Sanders said.

Sanders' two novels, "Clover" and "Her Own Place," openly deal with racial issues in the South.

When asked by a class member if it was her intention to make a statement on racial equality, Sanders said: "I was totally oblivious to why Clover was reacted to the way it was. I was really surprised when a school in Utah asked me to come and speak about cultural diversity after Clover was required reading. I am still in awe."

Class member Pat Lewandowski agrees that Sanders' novels are good tools for studying cultural diversity. As a mother, she thinks it's a good idea to have them as required reading in Columbia high schools.

"I think it is a very good idea," Lewandowski said. "I am from the South and was raised here, and I know about some of the things (involving race) that she was talking about in her books."

Lewandowski was recommended by a friend to take the class and has "enjoyed it" ever since.

Hospital said she has plans for next year's curriculum and has booked some authors in advance. If proper funding is available, some possible authors for next fall are Robert Pinsky, Richard Rhodes, Toi Derricotte and Jill Bialosky.

"Caught in the Creative Act" has been funded by the South Carolina Humanities Council for the past two years, but Hospital doesn't expect these grants to continue next year. In conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts, she has created a program to help fund the class called Friends of CICA, where donors can become a part of different "circles" by the amount of their endowments.

Director of Development Jane Williams spoke about the Friends of CICA program to the audience before the introduction of the featured speaker.

"This course has been a tremendous asset to the college, university and the community, but in order for it to continue, we need to have private support," Williams said.

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