

Hostages

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criticize the rescue operation, making clear the Bush administration's view that blame for the deaths lay with the captors.

"The Russian government and the Russian people are victims of this tragedy, and the tragedy was caused as a result of the terrorists who took hostages and booby-trapped the building and created dire circumstances," spokesman Ari Fleischer said Sunday.

The approximately 800 hostages were taken Wednesday night when an estimated 50 Chechen rebels stormed the theater during a popular musical. They demanded that Russia end its war in Chechnya.

The few dozen hostages who were well enough to be released Sunday could provide few clues as to the nature of the gas.

"We knew something serious was going to happen" when the gas started seeping into the hot auditorium that reeked of excrement, Mark Podlesny said as he walked out of Veterans Hospital No. 1 near the theater.

"I lost consciousness. Yes, there was a strange smell," said Roma Shmakov, a 12-year-old actor in "Nord-Ost," the musical in progress when the gunmen burst in.

Outside hospitals where the hostages were taken for treatment, friends and family crowded the gates in futile efforts to learn if loved ones were inside. Authorities gave out little information on identities, conditions or where victims had been taken.

Even diplomats had trouble finding information about the estimated 70 foreign citizens who were among the captives. U.S. consular officials searched the city's hospitals for one of the two Americans known to have been in the theater. A second American was found recuperating in a city clinic. At least two other foreigners — one Dutch and one Austrian — died.

Only on Sunday afternoon, more than 24 hours after the hostages were freed, did hospitals post lists of patients. Visitors were still prohibited. Some people outside the gates saw their relatives waving from windows.

"They are hostages again," one visitor shouted to the armed guards at Hospital 13, where about half the captives were taken.

Most who left the hospitals hugged those meeting them, then

hurried to get out of the chilling rain and avoid reporters and TV cameras.

Podlesny questioned Russian television footage that showed the captors' corpses in the theater amid liquor bottles and syringes. "They didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't swear. They were very disciplined," he said.

Podlesny and Georgy Vasilyev, producer of "Nord-Ost", disputed Russian officials' statement that the guerrillas had begun shooting hostages before dawn and prompting the special forces' assault.

A total of 118 hostages were known to have died after the Chechens stormed the theater - 116 from the effects of the gas, one young woman shot early in the standoff and one hostage shot Saturday morning shortly before the raid.

Shooting

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driving recklessly in the middle-class neighborhood.

"A man got onto him for driving erratically because he said he almost hit some kids," Koch said.

Fears was to be arraigned Monday on two charges of first-degree murder, said Sequoyah County District Attorney Diane Barker-Harold. She said prosecutors hadn't decided if they will seek the death penalty.

Some people in Sallisaw wondered if Fears was mimicking the sniper attacks in the Washington area.

"I think it's a copycat thing," said Camellia Conley, an em-

ployee at a Sallisaw hotel. "He's been a rebel without a cause. He was always a loner."

Koch said such speculation was premature. "It's way too early to say it's a copycat," Koch said.

Fears was described as a polite student who worked part-time at a Wal-Mart store and lived with his mother in Sallisaw, a town of about 8,000 people near the Oklahoma-Arkansas state line.

On Saturday, after neighbor Greg Caughman complained to Fears about his driving, Fears broke into his father's house and stole a shotgun, Koch said.

Sniper

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ty, and we can move quickly," he said. The Virginia charges being filed Monday will cover two woundings and at least two of the three killings committed there.

William Neely, the prosecutor in Spotsylvania County, Va., said he will seek the death penalty for Muhammad. Malvo also could face death under state law, but Neely said his sentence would depend on his role in the shootings.

There is no death penalty in the District of Columbia, where one person was killed.

Kilgore said that he had spoken with White House and Justice Department officials and that the federal government has been cooperative with Virginia. He said that means "no federal charges at least until we've filed our indictment and get our process going here in Virginia."

Virginia and Maryland authorities have not had the same working relationship, he said.

"We haven't been able to share a lot of information and receive a lot of information from the Maryland side," he said. "It's just not as much cooperation is going on as I believe ought to be going on."

Also Sunday, a man being held in Michigan as a witness in the case agreed to be moved to Maryland for questioning. Nathaniel O. Osbourne, 26, co-owner of the Chevrolet Caprice used by the sniper suspects, has been cooperating with investigators since his arrest Saturday. Officials say he is not a suspect in the attacks.

James Wyda, a court-appointed lawyer for Muhammad, said Sunday his client was not cooperating with investigators. Malvo's attorney could not be reached Sunday.

Gansler said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that his office believes both men fired shots during the spree.

Authorities said Sunday they believe everyone involved in the shootings that terrorized the Washington suburbs for three weeks has been caught. "We are confident the sniper shootings have ended," Gansler said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The relief was evident during a Rockville church service near where two victims were killed. Monsignor Thomas Kane told parishioners at St. Patrick's Church that the shootings had showed them "evil at its worst," but that they saw "goodness at its best" from law enforcement.

"We were terrorized together and now we rejoice together," Kane said.

POLICE REPORT



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Emma Ritch.

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

Saturday, Oct. 19

① **LARCENY OF FENCE, 615 SUMTER ST.** Facility Services said Christopher Stokes took a section of fence. Stokes said he and some of his Sigma Chi fraternity brothers took part of the fence and dumped it at Flora and East Broadway streets. The fence, however, was not found at that location. Police sent a notice of policy violation to Student Affairs and told Stokes he had to pay for the fence. Estimated value: \$950. Reporting officers: J.M. Simmons, J.D. Rosier.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

② **ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE, PATTERSON HALL, 1520 DEVINE ST.** The victim said someone called her and harassed her. Reporting officers: J.M. Simmons, J.D. Rosier.

③ **GRAND LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE, RECOVERY, BATES HOUSE PARKING LOT, 1405**

WHALEY ST. Nicholas Adam Tate said someone broke out the triangular wing window of the driver's-side door and took the vehicle. Tate said the Richland County Sheriff's Department recovered the vehicle at the Columbia Mall on Two Notch Road. Tate said his Pioneer CD player was taken from the vehicle and that the steering column and the area around the CD player were damaged. Estimated value of the CD player: \$200. Reporting officer: J.D. Patterson.

Thursday, Oct. 24

④ **ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE, F-5 LOT, 1710 COLLEGE ST.** A tree limb fell and hit the right rear corner of the trunk of Barbara C. McCutcheon's car. The police were not able to contact McCutcheon. Reporting officers: Baker and B. Timbers.

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