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Three students suspended for vandalism



Photo from Transylvania County court documents.

Freshman Craig Sampson was arrested Nov. 6 for injury to personal property.

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Around 2:10 a.m. on Nov. 6, three BC students allegedly vandalized several bikes, cars and a guitar. One student, Craig Sampson, 19, was arrested and charged with "injury to personal property." All three students were initially placed under an interim suspension by the college, and are awaiting a College Board Hearing.

East Jones RA Mark Orr said that he and a campus security guard were on the second floor of Jones when they heard what Orr described as a loud "boom" from the opposite side of the hall.

Orr and the security guard rushed to the scene where a group of students had forced their way into another student's room and were shouting accusations about stolen money.

Witnesses say Craig Sampson, a freshman at BC, allegedly smashed a guitar. A student at the scene who wishes to remain anonymous said that Sampson was not involved with the money situation, but having heard the chaotic dispute taking place, he and his roommate James Woods took part. According to court documents, the guitar belonged to junior Aaron Post who was not initially involved with the stolen money situation.

According to Orr, the security guard called for police backup. The police were able to breakup the dispute. Post left the scene when police arrived

and no arrests were made.

Campus security called the Brevard Police a second time that morning when they discovered that bikes on the porch of Jones had been vandalized. According to two students nearby, Sampson was seen vandalizing bikes with two other people. The owners of the bikes were not available to press charges, but Post made a report against Sampson who was arrested for destroying the guitar, according to Transylvania County court documents.

Several vandalized cars in the village were also later discovered. According to Dean Yowell, all charges are still pending and the alleged vandals, Craig Sampson, James Woods and Darren Christie are awaiting a College Hearing Board, which according to the student handbook is comprised of one

faculty member, one student and one administrator.

Woods and Sampson have gone home to England and Wales respectively. Christie has had his interim suspension lifted as he awaits his hearing.

An Interim Suspension, according to the student handbook, is when the Dean of Students imposes a College suspension prior to the hearing before a judicial body.

According to the student handbook, "hearings relating to serious violations of college policies that may result in suspension or expulsion will typically require a College Hearing Board."

Facebook.com photos violate school alcohol policy at NC State

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College students across the country might think twice before posting their newest picture on the popular website Facebook.com, it may just violate the Student Handbook.

Nine students residing in North Carolina State University's Alexander Hall, an international dorm, were issued referrals for violating University alcohol policy after a Resident Advisor observed the students in the presence of alcohol in

their Facebook.com pictures. The photos, according to one of the students being charged, were more than two months old.

"I just don't think digital photos from over two months ago, found on the Internet, should be able to be used as evidence against us," N.C. State sophomore Sarah Hannawi told the student newspaper *Technician*. "They don't even know the situation that was happening at the time."

Some of the students being charged were not holding alcoholic beverages, but containers

for these items were seen in the background of the photos, according to N.C. State junior Sian McVittie. "In the picture that they are basing the charges off of, I was standing in a hall doorway and the bottle was sitting next to me on a dresser," McVittie told *Technician*.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, the charged students met with school administrators in an open forum to discuss the accusations against them. This meeting gave faculty members at the

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