

# Police searching for suspect in sniper case

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The man wanted by police in a deadly string of highway sniper attacks has a history of mental illness and is believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition, authorities said Tuesday.

Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, lived with his mother within miles of where the gunman's bullets killed a passenger, shattered windshields, dented school buses and drilled into homes and a school.

Authorities identified McCoy as a suspect Monday and released his picture, vehicle description and license plate. McCoy's parents, both state employees, couldn't be reached. Neither one was at work.

Chief Deputy Steve Martin would not say what evidence led investigators to McCoy, but news-

paper and television reports said Tuesday that McCoy's family gave authorities at least one of his guns.

The Columbus Dispatch, citing unidentified sources, said a relative contacted police and said McCoy could be a suspect. It said McCoy's father later gave police a 9 mm Beretta handgun, and on Monday, it was ballistically matched to some of the bullet fragments recovered in the shootings.

The bulletin said McCoy was still believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition.

Investigators filed an arrest warrant late Monday for McCoy on a charge of felonious assault in a Dec. 15 shooting that damaged a house. McCoy's mother filed a missing person report with Columbus police Monday, saying she had not seen her son since Friday.

## RALLY

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Burr said. "One of his greatest qualities is his decisiveness."

Pittenger also voiced support for Burr during his speech, as well as support for Burr's Senate campaign.

Pittenger said he believed that unlike Democrats now in office, Bush and Burr have a plan for important national issues such as the economy and education.

"The problem with Democrats is that they know who they are, but that they just don't know where they are going," Pittenger said.

Pittenger praised Burr's sense of leadership and said he exhibits the necessary skills to be a U.S. Senator.

As Burr addressed the group about its responsibilities in the upcoming election, a handful of protesters standing outside the rally voiced their support for Erskine Bowles, the Democrat running in opposition to Burr to fill the Senate seat to be vacated by former presidential candidate John Edwards.

During his speech, Burr reiterated his support for voting Republican in this November's elections.

"This election is about you," Burr said. "It's about you and your opportunities and the future of our country."

Tripp Costas, outgoing chairman of the UNC College Republicans, said he was pleased with the turnout and success of the rally.

Costas said that he thought Burr's message was very strong and to the point and that Burr is apt to represent the state in the U.S. Senate.

"I thought it was a great event since Congressman Burr was able to attend," Costas said after the speeches. "Especially since this is considered Erskine Bowles territory."

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adequately express the discrimination that plagues how poor and minority women are regarded in some cultures.

"Women do not have economic options of their own," she said.

National laws and policies have grown out of attempts to control women, she said.

In the face of rapid economic globalization, McDougall said, human rights advocates must work to press humanitarian issues onto the economic framework. "The reality of our time is that there is no longer a dividing line between the foreign and the domestic."

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"The real issue, I think, for students is that there are short-term benefits, but there's a price to pay on the other side."

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between the wealthy and the poor, McDougall said. Also, on a global level, there is a fear of Muslims among some who support coalition forces in Iraq, she said.

"To do human rights work in this century we have to unite across borders and across identities," she said.

McDougall also stressed that multinational financial institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund should be accountable to the people of the nations they seek to help.

McDougall said she could not

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e-mail. "We felt that it was important for us to take a look at the use and abuse of this medication so we can present the facts to an audience that is obviously being exposed to it on a regular basis."

Both Adderall and Ritalin are classified as Schedule II Controlled Substances because of their high abuse potential. Other medications in this category include cocaine, morphine and opium.

"They're equally abusable and equally usable in treating Attention Deficit Disorder," said Dr. Allen Hamrick, associate director of UNC's Counseling and Psychological Services.

Hamrick said the use of Adderall without a prescription is especially prevalent on college campuses because of students' busy schedules. "Most people are doing it just to get by," he said.

Taking Adderall once without a prescription usually will not hurt someone, but Hamrick said it sets the person up to become dependent on taking the drug to be able to study.

"Is a one-time use of your roommate's medication going to kill you? No. Most likely not," he said. "(But) your body gets addicted to it."

Hamrick said that when students become dependent on the drug, they throw off a chemical balance in their brain, a condition generally treated with anti-depressants. When this happens, students begin to feel as if they can't study without the drug.

Psychiatry Professor Erin Malloy said that along with the risk of dependence, students using these study aids also put themselves in danger of a variety of side effects, including appetite and weight loss, sleep disturbances, increased pulse rate and motor ticks. In cases of overdose, a psychotic response is possible.

Although only 4 percent of the students surveyed by the DTH said they use prescription drugs without a prescription to study, the number is still cause for concern, Malloy said.

Despite possible health risks, Dan said, he thinks authorities often turn a blind eye to the use of Adderall or Ritalin without a prescription because people using these drugs are not creating a disturbance.

"You're behaving when you're on this drug," he said.

But Hamrick said CAPS does not prescribe these medications lightly.

Because there is no objective test to determine if a person has an attention deficit disorder, the standards for diagnosis vary among doctors.

Before CAPS will prescribe Adderall or Ritalin to a patient, the person must be tested by a psychologist. But Hamrick said some students come in with a prescription from another doctor without having had any tests done.

Though students will study and focus better on these drugs, even a single use can leave someone wanting to try Adderall or Ritalin again, Hamrick said.

## GREEKS

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careers.

Anhorn said, "Many students study abroad, then return and find they don't have enough time for their fraternity or sorority anymore."

The decline has concerned Greek organizations because each chapter with a house has many set financial commitments. Whether they have members living there or not, the bills must be paid, and the decline in recruitment makes the payments larger for each member.

The office of Greek Affairs is looking closely into the pledge process to try to limit the rate of decline in participation. Anhorn said many people are unaware about what goes on during the pledge process, and that uncertainty might steer them away from Greek organizations.

"We've been working hard to change the pledge process to reverse the trend (of declining participation)," he said. "We're hopeful."

This past fall, new rush policies went into effect. Fraternities were forced to adhere to a "blackout day" policy restricting them to have rush activities early in the week. All students desiring to rush had to register beforehand, which was not required in previous years. The fraternities also offered open houses that gave prospective members the opportunity to see the fraternity houses and meet the brothers.

But these new policies stretched the IFC recruitment process into four weeks, making it stressful on many of the fraternity members, Rutherford said.

Greeks are making other efforts to enhance participation, including sending out more publicity items to incoming freshmen and their parents, extending registration dates for rush and participating more in C-TOPS to make freshmen aware of Greek life on campus.

Previously, the Panhellenic Council and the IFC sent out individual books to accepted freshman.

This year the Panhellenic Council, IFC, GAC and NPHC col-

laborated to make one publication including policies and information about specific organizations. This publication will be sent to all incoming freshman this summer.

Greeks have made efforts to encourage sophomores and juniors to join as well. This semester there will be a push to current freshmen to consider rushing in the fall as sophomores.

Will Bynum, president of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, said the number of male students participating in spring rush was very low because of the emphasis put on fall rush. He also said he thought the idea of deferred rush would hurt the number of students getting involved in Greek life.

"The transition might kill the whole Greek system," Bynum said. "The system may not be able to survive with that drastic of a change."

Ellen Parker, president of Delta Delta Delta sorority, said that fall rush is preferred nationally. "With fall recruitment, you can bond with people right off the bat," she said.

Rutherford said recruitment is vital to the survival of each chapter. "The four councils have been working together to make sure the rush process is as good as it can be."

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"Basically, we'll all benefit financially," he added. "We're doing our part to showcase what NCAA basketball means to the Triangle."

Hotels and restaurants also are expected to benefit, as out-of-towners find places to stay and locals without tickets flock to eateries with televisions to watch the weekend's bevy of games.

Reed Bowlby, general manager of Champps Restaurant & Bar at The Streets at SouthPoint, said he thinks the restaurant's many televisions will draw a diverse and large clientele to watch the tournament in a public environment.

He added that despite an increase in preparations, including having enough staff and food on hand to accommodate the rush, the financial benefits and the atmosphere of March Madness make the event good for the restaurant.

"From the mall employees to our own employees to everyone who comes in, everyone is excited."

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