Strength in numbers

APS Therapist Missing; Police Fear Foul Play

Woman Last Seen At School Friday

By Chris Ramirez
RUSTYVOLD
Police believe a missing Montezuma Elementary School employee may have met with foul play.

Carolyn Theran Rustvold's family began to worry when the 26-year-old occupational therapist failed to come home Friday night, said Capt. Greg Sanchez, an Albuquerque police spokesman.

According to police, Carolyn Rustvold picked her role up at Montezuma for lunch about noon, then dropped her off at the school about 1 p.m. She attended a staff meeting at 1:30 p.m. and was seen by other teachers in her classroom around 3:30 p.m., Sanchez said.

When Carolyn Rustvold didn't make it home Friday night, Stephen Rustvold called family, Sanchez said. He called police about 11:30 p.m. and an officer met him at the school.

There, they found Rustvold's silver Honda Accord in the parking lot. A cursory search of the campus turned up no signs of the therapist, Sanchez said.

School district officials and police searched Rustvold's portable trailer classroom Saturday morning.

“We found items that should not have been there,” Sanchez said. “And some things that should have been there weren't.”

Sanchez would not elaborate on the evidence that was recovered, but said it led them to suspect foul play.

S. Korea: Attack Discussed

U.S. Says It's Unaware Of Talk To Strike North

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SEOUL, South Korea — High-ranking U.S. officials last month considered attacking North Korea before agreeing to seek a peaceful solution to the standoff over nuclear weapons, South Korea's presidential spokesman said Saturday.

Rob Mosby, speaking on television, said there were top-level U.S. documents about a possible strike, but the Washington officials Saturday were quick to say they had no knowledge such a plan existed.

Mosby, a retired Army general and a special assistant to Washington for nuclear non-proliferation and diplomacy in resolving the conflict, and Roh's comments came one day after the United States said it would be willing to go to North Korea to a written proposal by South.

Still, the remarks by Roh, who was elected Dec. 19, shed light on an alleged debate within the U.S. government over how to deal with the communist North after it declared it would reconstitute old nuclear facilities capable of making weapons.

“At the time of the elections, some U.S. officials, who hold considerable responsibility in the administration, talked about the possibility of attacking North Korea,” Roh told a panel of university professors on KNN-TV.

He described the U.S. officials as “hardliners” and did not say how low the inner circle of discussion. But Roh is close to out-going President Kim Doo-jang, whose government has been coordinating a joint strategy on the North with the United States.

The White House and Pentagon deferred comment to the State Department, where a spokesman said he was not aware of any such discussion about military action against North.