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Missing GSU student is now 'wanted' by police on criminal charges

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The father of a missing Grambling State University student is convinced his daughter may have met with foul play after authorities located her abandoned car in Hagerstown, Md., even as Pennsylvania police have classified her as a wanted person.

Michelle McMullen, 27, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been missing since Sept. 28, when she left her hometown to return to Grambling.

Hagerstown police found Michelle McMullen's 2002 Honda Accord on Wednesday, with her cellular telephone, wallet and identification inside. McMullen said the driver's seat looked as if it may have been reclined back and a pillow left nearby.

"The only theory is she had been up for over 42 hours straight," said Michael McMullen, who believes his daughter was sleep deprived when she stopped in front of a Mack Truck business just off Interstate 81.

"You don't just take a light nap after being up that long," said McMullen, who expressed concern again today that his daughter may be the victim of abduction. Security officers guard the business where the car was found 24 hours a day, he said, but none of the guards noticed the car until the next morning.

"They just assumed the car was abandoned and waited 10 days to call police," said McMullen.

"There were over a dozen deputies called in, sniffing dogs, cadaver dogs ... You don't expend those kind of resources unless you think there's a problem," he said.

Michelle McMullen's listing on a national crime database was changed from missing person to wanted person Thursday. She faces charges of theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception and two counts of forgery in connection with a church audit that revealed \$2,000 was missing. She was working at the Progress Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania during the time period in which the money went missing.

Michelle McMullen was working to complete her degree at Grambling after taking two years of online courses. She had returned to Pennsylvania to allow family members to care for her son while she attended school.

"We just want to find her," said Michael McMullen. "I would be elated if she were to turn up."