Estranged husband of missing woman is accused of ranting threats over phone

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The case of a missing Albuquerque woman grows more bizarre and more ominous as the days and the details accumulate since her disappearance 13 days ago.

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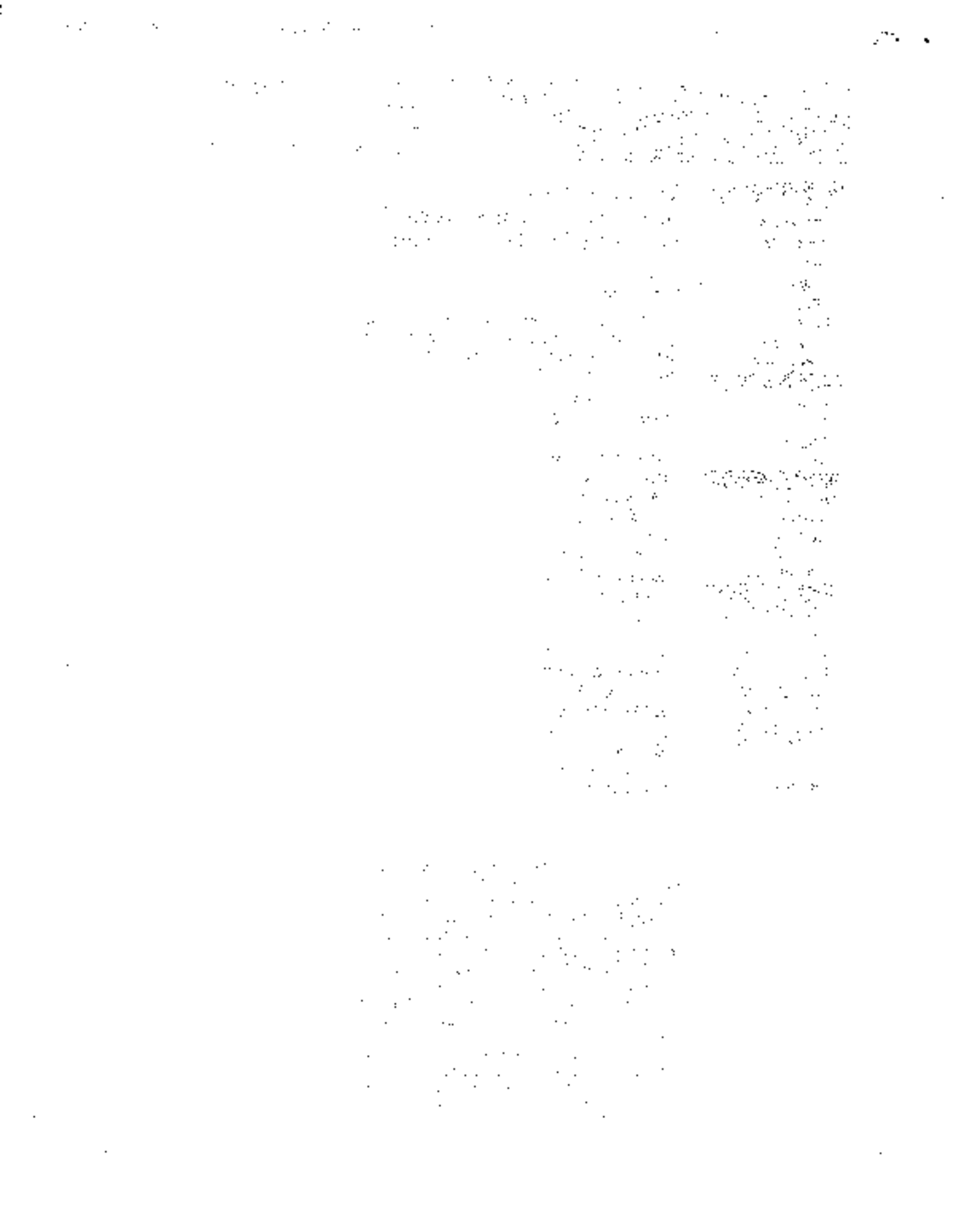
Albuquerque police are seeking help in locating Girly Hossencofft, who has been missing since Sept. 10.

Information is being taken at 242-COPS, 823-4455 or Albuquerque Crime Stoppers at 843-STOP.

Albuquerque police detectives were in Charleston, S.C., today to talk to the estranged husband of Girly Hossencofft, 36, hoping to gather more information on the woman's disappearance -- and hoping to determine whether she is still alive.

FBI agents in Charleston took Diazien Hossencofft, 34, into custody Tuesday on a federal complaint that accuses him of making interstate threats to injure people, the FBI said.

The complaint, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque, alleges that Diazien Hossencofft, who also uses the name Armando Chavez, made threats over the telephone to



his neighbor, his divorce attorney and another woman.

But it's Girly Hossencofft, his soon-to-be-ex-wife, that law enforcement agents are most concerned with.

The normally exemplary bank employee failed to show up for work Sept. 10, authorities said. Co-workers said they knew she was embroiled in a bitter divorce.

Albuquerque police who went to her apartment in the 8400 block of Spain Northeast on Sept. 10 found the front-room carpet still moist from several large pools of what appeared to be blood that had been wiped away with bleach, the federal affidavit and an Albuquerque police search warrant affidavit states.

About 1 p.m. that day, Girly Hossencofft's purse and identification were found lying in the middle of an Albuquerque street, the federal affidavit states.

Police looked for Diazien Hossencofft at his home Sept. 10, but the home was vacated and cleaned. All that was left of Diazien Hossencofft was a forwarding address in Charleston.

FBI agents began their own investigation Sept. 13 after a woman told them she received a blistering phone call from Diazien Hossencofft, saying he was in Tennessee on his way to South Carolina and he was angry she had involved law enforcement in the case.

"I know who you talked to and what's in your file," the affidavit states he told her. "I know what you are doing. I'll be watching you. You better be careful."

The next day, Diazien Hossencofft's neighbor said he called her from South Carolina, enraged that she, too, was talking to police. "You're in trouble," the complaint states he told her.

Last Friday, Diazien Hossencofft's attorney also told police she received an angry call from him from South Carolina, the affidavit states.

The attorney, who represented him in divorce proceedings and in the adoption of his 3-year-old son, said he believed his son was being "dissected" and screamed that he needed assurances that the boy was safe or "you're all going to die," the complaint states.

The boy was recently removed from Diazien Hossencofft's custody, the affidavit states. He is not believed to be Girly Hossencofft's biological son.

It is unclear how long Diazien Hossencofft will remain at the Charleston Detention Center on federal hold, Albuquerque police Lt. Brian Baldwin said.

Meanwhile, investigators are still awaiting forensics reports from a variety of items that may be linked to Girly Hossencofft's



disappearance. Those items include the carpet stains at her apartment, vials of blood and needles found at Diazien Hossencofft's home, and bloody clothes, gauze and two pieces of duct tape with blood and hair found off U.S. 60 west of Socorro.

For now, the police case remains a missing persons investigation, Baldwin said.

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