

## USM Staffer Arrested for Alleged Killing

HATTIESBURG - Jesse Bass of *The Hattiesburg American* [reports on](#) 22-May-2012 that USM staffer Linda Gwozdz [has been arrested](#) for allegedly killing her husband back in 2007, when the couple resided in Los Angeles. Gwozdz was booked [into the](#) Forrest County Jail [after being](#) arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service [and the](#) Hattiesburg Police Department. These agencies were working [on behalf of](#) the Los Angeles County Sheriff, [whose department](#) recently uncovered evidence linking Gwozdz [to the](#) 2007 killing. USM public relations official Van Arnold informed the media that Gwozdz is [a clinical secretary](#) in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, [a position](#) she has held since 2010.



*Linda Gwozdz*

As the myriad of links above attest, this episode is yet another national black eye for USM, and, [in this case](#), its College of Health. CoH dean Michael Forster has been [an unabashed supporter](#) of [outgoing USM](#) president Martha Saunders [despite the](#) many scandals that have engulfed that administration since 2007. This episode also highlights [the folly of](#) Saunders' "dangerous faculty" [program](#) that resulted in [a number of](#) USM faculty being barred [from their](#) classrooms. This [program targeted](#) USM political science professor Kate Greene and USM accounting professor Marc DePree, [the editor of](#) USMNEWS.net. Other [unnamed professors were](#) also allegedly victimized by this program.