

Parents widen search for teen

Missing C.R. girl
could have gone to
Chicago, family says

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CEDAR RAPIDS — The parents of Erin Pospisil are expanding their search for the missing Cedar Rapids teen-ager.

"If she was in Cedar Rapids we would know," said Carolyn Minney, Erin's stepmother. "There's no way a kid goes 10 weeks without talking to somebody."

Erin, 15, was last seen June 3 getting into a car in the 100 block of 12th Street SE. The black Chevrolet Cavalier, about 10 years old, wasn't familiar to Erin's family, but friends said she seemed to know the people inside.

Minney said she's contacted family members who may have heard from Erin, without success. Police



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Missing since
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have turned up no leads, she said, nor have telephone tips prompted by posters and news stories.

"There were some calls, but it wasn't anything that panned out," Minney said.

So Minney is looking to Chicago, contacting Erin's Metro High School classmates for the names of anyone she may know there.

"A lot of the kids she goes to school with are Chicago-based, and her dad and I are trying to get some names together to go out there," Minney said.

Most first-time runaways stay

within 300 miles of home, but as time passes they may head toward larger cities where they can blend into the street scene and avoid attention, according to the National Runaway Switchboard.

Erin Pospisil is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. She has brown eyes and dark brown hair with red highlights. She was last seen wearing beige short overalls and a light-colored tank top. Anyone who has seen Erin, or may have information about her whereabouts, should call Cedar Rapids police at 296-5378 or 1-(800) 272-7463.

For more information on Erin see: <http://helpfindachild.org>