

Benefit concert recalls missing C.R. teenager

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CEDAR RAPIDS — Three years after she rode off in a strange car, Erin Pospisil will be remembered this weekend in Cedar Rapids.

"Being gone as long as she has been, it's frustrating for us," said Carolyn Pospisil, Erin's mother. "Most people didn't know she is still missing."

Pospisil, who moved to Council Bluffs about a year ago, plans to return to Cedar Rapids for a benefit concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Leisure Time Billiards and Sports Bar, 3233 Sixth St. SW.



Erin Pospisil
Disappeared
in 2001

The event will include performances by area blues artists Kevin B.F. Burt and Bryce Janey and California singer-songwriter Jannel Rap.

Admission is \$6. Proceeds will benefit Pospisil's Help Find a Child organization and GINA for Missing Persons, an organization started by Rap after her sister, Regina Bos, disappeared in October 2000.

After meeting Rap through another missing persons support group, "we decided we'd put together a Midwest concert series," Pospisil said.

Erin Pospisil was 15 on June 3, 2001, when she got 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.

Family and friends posted fliers with Erin's photo in the weeks after she went missing, but neither they nor police have turned up any clues.

Pospisil started Help Find a Child to educate parents and the public about missing persons. She said her father helped set up her Web site, www.helpfindachild.com

"However this ends with Erin, it's something we're not going to walk away from," Pospisil said of her work. "We want to make sure that people are aware this is not just us. We want people to be aware that 'stranger danger' isn't something you have to stop talking to your kids about when they leave elementary school."

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