

Coed feared victim of foul play



Cheryl Thompson

Cincinnati Police and Hamilton County sheriff's deputies investigating the disappearance of a 19-year-old University of Cincinnati freshman say they suspect she's been the victim of foul play.

Cincinnati police homicide detectives have been working to try to trace the steps of Cheryl Thompson, who has been missing since Friday night.

Miss Thompson, who lives at a UC dorm and works part time for Dr. Howard F.C. Pfister in Mt. Auburn, was supposed to meet her boyfriend at midnight Friday at Gatsby's disco, 3225 Madison Road, Oakley.

POLICE HAVE refused to identify the boyfriend.

The boyfriend told sheriff's investigators he went looking for Miss Thompson when she didn't show up, and about 5:30 a.m. saw her car being driven by a man, according to chief deputy Victor Carrelli.

The boyfriend told deputies he tried to follow her car but lost it, Carrelli said. The chief deputy said the boyfriend found her locked car parked on Bach Street later Saturday.

Carrelli said Miss Thompson's disappearance was "completely out of character" and noted that the mysterious circumstances make it look like more than an ordinary missing person case.

BOTH CARRELLI and Capt. Raymond Turner, commander of Cincinnati Police Criminal Investigation Section, said they suspect Miss Thompson has been the victim of foul play.

Both agencies are involved because it is unclear whether she is missing from the city or county, Turner said.

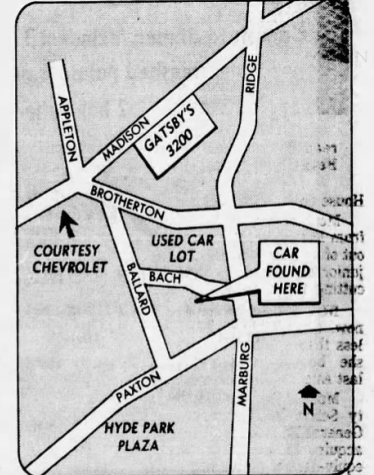
She was reported missing to sheriff's deputies. Her car was found in the city.

Miss Thompson is the daughter of William and Betty Thompson. During spring vacation at UC, she was staying at their apartment at 8312 Wooster Road.

She was last seen about 10:30 p.m. Friday by her 16-year-old brother, Danny, at her parents' apartment, police said.

She is five feet, two inches tall and weighs about 95 pounds. She has blond hair.

She was wearing a black sweater with white stripes and blue jeans when she disappeared.



The area where Cheryl Thompson disappeared.

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