

Authorities search for girls who fled

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Authorities are searching for two young girls who may have fled a house fire in a pickup truck early Saturday morning.

One of the children, 10-year-old Shania Marie Osborne, was staying at the home of 13-year-old Tabitha Ashley Price. Price's parents noticed that a fire had broken out shortly before 2 a.m.

The Prices told authorities the fire was coming from their daughter's room and that flames were on the bed and curtains. Johnson County firefighters and Emergency Medical Services responded. The cause of the fire was not given. After firefighters extinguished the blaze, the rubble was searched for the two girls but no one was found. Investigators said the girls were last seen watching a movie in the living room of the residence when the Prices went to bed. Later, it was noticed that a silver 2005 Nissan Titan pickup truck was missing from the driveway

of the residence. The owner of the truck had parked it there earlier and gave the keys to the Prices, according to the sheriff's office. Melissa Price said her daughter may have taken the keys and left before the fire. The sheriff's office said Tabitha Price has a history of running away from home. Local law enforcement agencies were asked to be on the lookout for the girls. The Titan pickup truck has a club cab and a Tennessee registration with a plate number of 568-KBW.