

## Missing Woman's Phone Signals From Ashe

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The cell phone of a missing Charlotte woman 'pinged' in Ashe County yesterday, more than 100 miles from where she was last seen, and a search along the Blue Ridge Parkway was launched yesterday afternoon. Family and friends are concerned—some expressing their fears of foul play— in the disappearance of 39-year-old Holly Fischer, who left her parents' house in Knoxville on Monday heading to Charlotte. She hasn't been seen or heard from since. Ashe Sheriff James Williams said that searchers combed a rugged area from near NC 16 along the Blue Ridge Parkway, but the signal seemed to be coming more from the Wilkes County side, and the search was suspended at dark near Laurel Springs. The search continues today. According to a police report, Fischer's father said his daughter was upset when she left his home because she's going through a divorce. The father said he contacted Fischer's husband, but he denied seeing her. Friends were pleading Thursday with the public for help in finding her, friend Liz Stafford telling channel 9, "I believe this is foul play," saying she was loved by everyone, and "We're not going to sleep until we find her." Knox County authorities say Fischer was driving a silver 2004 Infiniti FX35, with North Carolina license plate number XYH6678. If you have any information, you're asked to call police.

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