

UPDATE: Car, Then Missing Woman Found

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Wilkes authorities confirm they have found the car—and the family says they've been notified—that a Charlotte area woman, missing a week today, has been found dead just inside Wilkes County. The official report is not yet in on the discovery of Holly Fischer. Ashe Sheriff James Williams said

that a motorcyclist pulled off NC 16 last night and noticed tracks where a vehicle obviously left the road. Searchers followed the path to a wrecked car—1000 feet off of the road and heavily—and reports indicate that they found someone in or near the car. Wilkes dispatched new crews of searchers, who gathered at the Wilbar Fire department just down NC 16, helping with the recovery of the body. Yesterday, Holly Fischer's friends and family gathering at the McDonalds in Wilkesboro to search for Fischer's car but helping Ashe and Wilkes law enforcement turned up no new leads until the discovery late yesterday. Fischer, 39, was reported missing Wednesday after she didn't arrive at her roommates home. Her roommate called her parents, then police, saying she never made it to Charlotte. That led to an electronic search for her cell phone, which 'pinged' a signal in Ashe County Thursday, more than 100 miles from where she was last seen—but in an area near where her parents have an Ashe County property. A search along the Blue Ridge Parkway was launched Thursday afternoon by Ashe law enforcement and rescue, but Sheriff James Williams said that the signal first placed the phone near the Blue Ridge Parkway near NC 16, then 'pinged' on the Wilkes side of the Parkway. Then the signal was lost. Her bank account was last used last Thursday in Tennessee along her normal route back to Charlotte, her cell phone sometime after 5 last Thursday in the area where the car has now been found.