

Concerns Mount for Missing High School Students

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Two Catawba County High School seniors are missing, not heard from since early Saturday morning, and concerns mount with every hour. Bandys Seniors Jake Ziegler, 18, Ray Pierce, 17, left a party in the Sherrills Ford in southeastern Catawba County in the early morning hours Saturday to drive to Myrtle Beach—and then back, according to the Catawba County Sheriff's Office. The last contact with the pair was a 2:44 a.m. Saturday in a text message that a friend received a text from Ziegler's cell phone. Investigators say the text call pinged off a cell tower in Rock Hill, S.C., the last clue to their whereabouts. Calls to the phone now go straight to voicemail. When the two did not return Saturday morning, the boys' fathers, reported them missing; Joe Pierce at the Catawba Sheriff's Office and Zig Ziegler in person at Myrtle Beach Police. The Catawba Sheriff's Office says there has been no reported activity on either boy's debit card. The Catawba County Sheriff's office issued a poster with the boys' pictures and of the car they were driving, Ziegler's green 2006 Pontiac G6, with N.C. license tag BBD8844. Bandys students are distributing fliers as well as searching.