

Nina Rae Keown still missing from Lexington area despite efforts to locate her

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Though several residents and volunteers joined the Scott County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police and other agencies' efforts to locate Nina (pronounced Nee-na) Rae Keown, 26, their efforts last week were in vain.

Keown has been missing since Saturday, August 7. She was last seen walking on that date near Plymouth Road and State Road 3 in the Lexington area, cutting through a cornfield to reach a local music festival.

She is described as 5-7 in height with blonde hair shorter than shoulder-length and blue eyes. The woman has a petite build and weighs about 100 lbs. She reportedly suffers from a seizure disorder.

The clothing which she was wearing at the time of her disappearance included an orange hoodie with the imprint of "S Rock" on its front.

Information collected by officers with the Sheriff's Department indicate that Keown and her ex-husband had been to a local music festival held off Plymouth Road in a field. The couple left around 11:30 p.m. that Saturday, riding on a four-wheeler toward the man's home. The ex-husband told officers that when they reached the road's intersection with S.R. 3, Keown decided she wanted to go back to the festival. She got off the vehicle and began walking back along the side road and then turning into a cornfield. The man said he continued on home and went to bed.

That was the last known sighting of Keown. Though her family has tried to reach her by calling her cell phone, she has not responded nor has she tried to contact her two children.

The Sheriff's Department sent out a bulletin about the missing woman on Tuesday afternoon, August 10, through the www.nixle.com website and cell phone system. People who have registered with Nixle receive storm warnings, bulletins and updates that the Sheriff's Department releases.

Some helpful information has been received by the department from the public about Keown's whereabouts, but she has still not been located, advised Sheriff John Lizenby.

Last week, volunteers walked or rode four-wheelers around the area attempting to find Keown. A helicopter crew with the Indiana State Police spent a couple of hours scouring the rural area from the air in hopes of catching a glimpse of the woman.

Others, including Keown's mother, distributed color posters featuring a photo of Keown taken during the Scott County Fair in July. Some went door-to-door asking residents if anyone had seen her. Louisville media picked up the story late last week, providing contact information. More people joined the effort this past weekend, but nothing conclusive was found.

Anyone having any information about the whereabouts of Nina Rae Keown is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Department at 752-8400 or its 24-hour Tip Line at 752-7898. Persons can also call the Indiana State Police Sellersburg post toll-free at 1-800-872-6743 or the woman's mother at 1-812-820-4128.