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Foster teen missing with another teen's baby

17-year-old girl babysitting friend's child has not been seen

UPDATED 7:40 p.m.: Teen and child found unharmed

Howard County police are searching for a teenager missing from foster care and the 15-month-old girl she was babysitting. Shante Chamblee, 17, was staying with a friend over the weekend and had in her care Ma'Kaiyla Davis, the child of another teen from her foster home in Elkridge.

Chamblee agreed to care for Davis over the weekend because Davis's mother would not be home. When Chamblee learned her foster mother also would be away over the weekend, she went to stay with her former foster mother in Baltimore.

Chamblee was last seen leaving the Baltimore residence in the 1700 block of Simms Ave. at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Her former foster mother reported that Chamblee said she was going to a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant, but did not advise which location. She gave Chamblee bus fare and expected her to return to her current foster home in the 6900 block of Scarlet Oak in Elkridge by the end of the weekend. Chamblee took Davis with her and neither has been seen since.

Davis was last seen wearing a blue denim jacket, blue shirt with white flowers, purple pants and red shoes. The attached photo shows Davis wearing clothes matching this description, but it is unclear if it was taken just before she left with Chamblee. Chamblee's clothing description is unknown.

Police are asking anyone who sees Chamblee or Davis to call 911. Anyone with information about them or their whereabouts should call Howard County Police at 410-313-3200.

UPDATED 7:40 p.m.: A teenager missing from foster care returned to her foster home in Elkridge this evening with the child she was babysitting. Both were unharmed. Police received a tip from a caller who reported spotting Shante Chamblee, 17, and Ma'Kaiyla Davis, 15 months, in the Elkridge area. Officers went to the girls' foster home in the 6900 block of Scarlet Oak and found the teen and baby there. Howard County police are still investigating but do not believe foul play was involved.

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