

Search for missing North Carolina teen comes to New Orleans

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Carolyn Parsons: I just think she's been gone for almost two years. She could be anywhere in two years.

Reporter (voice over): The search for missing North Carolina teen now moves to New Orleans.

Scott Walker (reporter): Erica Parsons was just 13 when she disappeared in late 2011 from her home in North Carolina. The adopted parents say the teens biological mother who lives here in New Orleans knows what happened to the girl. WDSU reporter Andy Cunningham sorts through all the details of this case. Andy?

Andy Cunningham (reporter): Well, it's a lot to sort through Scott and it really is a complicated story with a lot of unanswered questions, the biggest, what happened to Erica Parsons? Her biological mother told me tonight that it's a mystery she's desperately trying to get to the bottom of.

Scott Walker (Talking to Carolyn Parsons) At this point you have no idea where she is?

Carolyn Parsons: No I don't, I wish I did.

Reporter (voice over): Carolyn Parsons talking to us from the Riverboat Travel Park in New Orleans East where she's lived with her boyfriend since April. She's the biological mother of Erica Parsons, who she gave up at birth.



Carolyn Parsons: I was in a very bad position in life, I had no steady job, I had no steady income.

Reporter (voice over): Her then husband's brother and his wife, Sandy and Casey Parsons agreed to take custody of Erica and raise her as their own.

Sandy Parsons (Video Interview Replay - Says interview was 2011 but should be 2013): I believe she's okay, in my heart, I think she's scared to call home.

Reporter (voice over): Since this 2011 (should be 2013) interview with a Charlotte TV station just days after the teen went (should be reported) missing, the couple have said numerous times that they left Erica in the care of a woman named Nan and insisted no wrong doing.

Carolyn Parsons: Casey and Sandy have fabricated this name of Nan and Strawberry. Nan and Strawberry do not exist.

Reporter (voice over): Cooperating with investigators in North Carolina, since the beginning, Parsons, whose made numerous trips to the Tar Heel, said she saw her daughter in January 2011 when Erica agreed to meet her. It was ten months after that visit, the teen vanished.

Carolyn Parsons: They're the last two people to see her. They know what they did with her. They just need to come forward and tell the truth.

Reporter (voice over): Should the search for her daughter come to the Crescent City as Erica's adopted parents have said, Carolyn said, she welcomes the idea. Now I did attempt to reach Erica's adopted parents by phone tonight but my calls were not returned. Multiple Charlotte TV stations have reported that they are headed here to New Orleans to continue that search.

Scott Walker (reporter): Erica's adopted brother told investigators that Casey and Sandy Parsons killed the girl and buried her in the back yard. Since then, investigators have said they do believe foul play was involved in the teens disappearance.



