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Police search for missing teens, 14 and 19

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NEWPORT, N.H. --Newport Police are looking for a 14-year-old boy and 19-year-old woman believed to have left the state together.

Chief David Hoyt said police are seeking leads on the whereabouts of Randy Gentner of Salem, who ran away from a group home in Newport on Wednesday.

Hoyt believes Gentner met up last week with Jennifer Newcomb of Croydon, a teacher's aide at his middle school. Police have issued an arrest warrant for Newcomb on a charge of interference of parental custody, taking a minor over state lines without permission.

Newcomb's car was found on Saturday night in Lime Rock, Conn. The two are believed to have traveled through New York City and on their way to Florida or Mexico, said Rodney Forey of New Hampshire Juvenile Justice Services. Police in Ocala, Fla., were asked to check the bus and train stations for the pair.

Gentner's parents said they're worried about their son. The teenager had been receiving court-ordered drug and depression counseling at the Orion House in Newport, WMUR-TV reported.

Letters written by Gentner were found in Newcomb's bedroom, but authorities aren't sure what the nature of their relationship is.

"There's nothing we've uncovered that says they're involved in an intimate relationship," Hoyt said. "In fact, we have just the opposite -- that it's more a mother-son-type relationship."

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