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Car of woman missing after fire found in State College

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The car of a woman who is missing after fire destroyed her Sykesville home -- in which the remains of an infant were found -- was found early this morning in State College.

State police say that out of concern for her welfare, they are trying to locate Joey Lynn Offutt, 33, who rented a home on Fugate Drive in the Jefferson County borough that was destroyed by fire about 4 a.m. Thursday.

The remains of an infant were found inside the home about an hour after the fire.

The results of an autopsy conducted Friday have not yet been completed to confirm the identity of the child or the manner of death, state police said in a news release.

Police said Offutt's car, a red 1994 Saturn Couple with Virginia registration JXN8871 was located along Waupelani Drive earlier today, but Offutt was not found.

She has officially been declared a missing person and has been entered as such into the national crime information center data base, according to police.

State police are seeking the public's help in locating Offutt. She is described as 5 feet, 3 inches tall, with a thin build, brown hair and brown eyes. Anyone coming in contact with her is asked contact state police in DuBois at 814-371-4652 or by dialing 911.