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For Immediate Release:

We are asking the public and the news media for help locating a 16-year-old girl who is in the custody of Franklin County Children Services and who has been missing since Monday night. She absconded with a worker's personal vehicle during an assault.

Chiann Morrow was being transported from the Intake and Investigations Unit in Whitehall to a placement facility on the West Side at about 10:40 p.m. Monday when she became unruly, allegedly attacked the worker and drove off in the car near I-70 and W. Mound St.

The child and the car, a white, four-door Toyota Corolla with license plate EA23LL are both still missing at this time. Anyone with information about the location of the child or the car is asked to call Columbus Police at 645-4545 or robbery detectives at 645-4665.

A photo of Chiann Morrow is available.

The worker, a social services aide, told police her car was stopped at a traffic light when the girl climbed over the backseat of the car and began to assault her, and she fell from the driver's side door, striking the pavement. An 18-year-old man who witnessed the assault came to the aide of the agency employee, but he was dragged by the car for some 30 feet and has suffered multiple injuries. Someone called 911 and police were summoned. Both were treated at an area hospital and released.

FCCS Executive Director Chip M. Spinning would like to thank him publicly for risking his personal safety for the agency employee.

Ms. Morrow drove eastbound from Mound Street and has not yet contacted FCCS or her foster family at this time.

The safety of children and agency employees is a guiding principle of the daily work performed by Children Services workers, who transport and serve thousands of children annually in their personal vehicles. This unfortunate incident remains under investigation.

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