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Missing child found on University Drive

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A 6-year-old girl found wandering along University Drive near Big Y Supermarket on Sunday morning has been returned to her parents by the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, according to Amherst Police.

Town police received multiple phone calls from drivers concerned for the safety of the young girl who was reported to be walking in traffic, and officials responded at around 9 a.m., said Sergeant Michael D. Sullivan.

The girl was taken into custody after being checked by emergency medical technicians, found to be unharmed, and held until Sunday evening when her parents were located.

Prior to locating the girl's parents, police speculated they may be homeless, a claim which turned out to be false, Sullivan said.

Charges will not be filed by the police department, he said, and it remains unclear if charges will be filed by social services.

He added that, as of Sunday evening, police did not want to disclose further details about the incident because of the girl's age.

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