

here today," Gliva said.

Dick's father, Don, said family members assumed the "strange individual" she reported seeing was someone later picked up for peeping in women's windows and never gave it a second thought - until Friday.

Car apparently stolen

Fort Collins Police Department spokeswoman Rita Davis, also at the news conference, confirmed that Dick had filed the report but said she had no further information.

Davis said police have received a few unconfirmed sightings of Dick's 1997 teal-colored Nissan Altima, which was apparently stolen after she was killed.

Davis said Dick's boyfriend, who also lived at the house, was working as a painter at the time of the fire.

A lover of animals

Family members shared memories of an animal-loving girl "with a heart of gold." Dick owned three cats - one of which died in the fire. She also kept turtles and lizards.

"She was a vibrant, loving person with a strong family bond," said her uncle, Terry Snyder, of Fremont, Neb.

Snyder said she "was as happy as she had ever been" at the time of her death.

Don Dick recalled how his daughter traveled to Europe twice in middle school and was doing well with her part-time studies at Front Range Community College, where she planned to major in business.

Family members said Dick had great plans for her future.

Don Dick said the last time he saw his daughter was Thursday evening, when she visited with her pet Chihuahua, Lage.

As she had done so many times before, she held up Lage's paw and made the dog wave when she left in her Nissan, he said.

Police looking for car

* **Police continue to look** for Linnea Dick's car, a teal 1997 Nissan Altima with front and back license plate holders featuring small red skulls that look like cherries or dots from a distance.

* **The Colorado license plate** number is **015KFH**. Anyone with information about the car, fire or Dick's death should call Detective Kristy Volesky at 970-224-6116.