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A controversial drug treatment program is facing eviction because it owes \$42,726 to its landlord, court papers show.

Straight, of Columbia, was served a summons last week for non-payment of rent and has been ordered to a District Court eviction hearing March 2.

Straight moved to Maryland from Virginia amid a state licensing investigation there as well as a pending lawsuit over unpaid rent.

Eugene J. Nieto, executive director of the Columbia facility, acknowledged that the program has faced some financial difficulties. Enrollment at the facility, located in the Oakland Ridge Industrial Park, is down from about 60 clients in August to 31, he said.

Straight occupies a building owned by Columbia Management Inc. In a Jan. 30 letter to Straight, leasing manager Darrell J. Nevin accused the program of having a "blatant disregard for your financial obligations to the landlord."

Police search for missing girl

Prince George's County police are looking for a mentally retarded teen-ager who was last seen Friday afternoon.

Police said 14-year-old Yessenia E. Pineda left her home in the 7900 block of 18th Avenue in Hyattsville.

Police said her disappearance is considered critical because she has the mentality of a 6- or 7-year-old.

The girl is Hispanic, about 5 feet tall and 130 pounds.

Anyone with information can call police at 301-699-2601.

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