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LIMA — Friends and family continued the search Sunday for the Viva Maria pizza shop owner who's been missing since Friday.

Dominic Fricano, 55, hasn't been seen or heard from since Friday morning after he left the Lima Mall pizza shop to run a brief errand before the lunchtime rush.

On Sunday evening, Allen County Sheriff Sam Crish reported they have had no calls and are hoping for some information.

Notifications have been sent to out-of-state police departments regarding his disappearance and his cargo van is on alert if pulled over.

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Tammi Brown, whose daughter works at Viva Maria, helped organize a search party with about a dozen people on Sunday afternoon. Fricano's cell phone signal was last tracked in Delphos on Friday, so the search party decided to start looking in that area. They also posted numerous signs on windows of area businesses.

They were hoping to cover as much ground as they could before nightfall, searching on main roads and areas.

Fricano was wearing black jeans, a button-up shirt and a white baseball cap with a Cincinnati Bengals logo on it. He stands 5 foot 11 and weighs approximately 250 pounds. He has brown eyes and black hair with touches of gray, and is currently wearing a beard and mustache.

He left the Lima Mall parking lot in a white 2004 Chevy Express, Ohio license plate FFW 1301. A mirror is missing, and there are Christmas lights decorating the cargo van's back window.

Anyone with information should call the Allen County Sheriff's Office at 419-227-3535.

Ada Fire Department, where Fricano had previously operated a store, had also offered help in searching.

At the Lima Mall, Viva Maria remained open Sunday. Fricano's wife Susan, 54, a restaurant manager, stood somber near the entrance, greeted by those who have heard the news of her husband's disappearance.

She said they are going to watch the recordings from mall security cameras today to see if anything unusual had happened.

Her 18-year-old son and 21-year-old daughter are both college students who work at the

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restaurant. Professors postponed finals for both of them. Fricano said mall workers and friends have all been extremely supportive during this difficult time, too.