

## Missing Child Reunited with Family After 5 Years

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What originally was thought to be a typical stolen property case, recently led authorities to the discovery of a child, who has been missing from White County, TN, for approximately five years.

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According to Macon County Sheriff Mark Gammons, a local resident had worked out a trade agreement with a White County man by the name of Steve Oliver on March 2, 2013 for a Yamaha dirt bike on the online Local Sales Network (LSN).

“The dirt bike was later discovered to be stolen out of Cumberland County,” Sheriff Gammons stated. “After we got the name of the man who originally had the bike and his address in Sparta, Tennessee, I then contacted the White County Sheriff and officers went to Mr. Oliver’s residence, where they found the items from Macon County that he received in the trade. At that time, the victim identified Mr. Oliver through a photo.”

During their investigation, Sheriff Gammons was told by White County law enforcement that Mr. Oliver was also being investigated in a missing child case.

“They said the child had been missing for five years,” Sheriff Gammons commented. “When I spoke with the Macon County resident, he stated that the missing child did accompany Mr. Oliver to the trade on March 2, 2013.”

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After a two-week investigation, White County law enforcement officers were able to reunite the child with her family.

“I would like to take this time to thank the Macon County resident involved in the trade for being aware of their surroundings and identifying the missing child,” remarked Sheriff Gammons.

Forty-one-year-old Steven Lee Oliver was charged with theft over \$1,000 by the Macon County Sheriff’s Department. His bond is set at \$5,000.

White County officers are continuing their investigation with the child at this time. Charges there are pending.