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**TIP TO FUGITIVE TASK FORCE LEADS TO ARREST OF WASHINGTON MAN  
CHARGED WITH ABDUCTING HIS DAUGHTER IN MORENO VALLEY IN 2014**

*Abducted girl found with the man was unharmed and is now safe*

**RIVERSIDE** – A man living in Washington State has been arrested in connection with the abduction of his biological daughter from Moreno Valley nearly five years ago.

The child, who was 18 months old when she was abducted, was found with the man. She was unharmed and is now safe.

Michael Stevens, DOB: 1-8-69, is charged with child abduction in case RIF1402650. He was arrested about 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in the Lynnwood area of Washington and booked into the Snohomish County Jail on an arrest warrant issued in Riverside County on July 29, 2014. A Washington judge granted a bail increase and Stevens is being held with no bail awaiting extradition to Riverside County.

Within the last couple of weeks, the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force received a tip that Stevens was in Washington state selling vehicles through the Craigslist website. Task force members investigated the tip, confirming the information, and found that Stevens was using the name “Michael Lee”. They contacted the Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force with the information. That task force arrested Stevens and safely recovered the abducted child.

In 2014, the child was a ward of Riverside County dependency court and had been living in foster care. Stevens was granted unsupervised visitation at the time and picked up his daughter from her foster mother for a scheduled weekend visitation on March 7, 2014. He failed to return the child on March 10, 2014, as required by the court, and law enforcement officers were notified. During the subsequent investigation, neither Stevens nor the abducted girl were located, resulting in the filing of the criminal case and the issuing of the arrest warrant.

The Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, Team 6, is made up of senior investigators from the Riverside County DA's Office, special agents from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, and inspectors with the United States Marshal Service. Team 6 is one of 20 teams comprising the fugitive task force in a collaborative effort by southern region law enforcement agencies to apprehend fugitives from justice.

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