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### **CORRECTION**

**Date of missing person report should be December 13, 1993 – not 1994.**

#### Missing Person (from 1994) Located

On December 13, 1994 at 9:30am, Judith Bello left her job at the National Food Corporation in Sylvana (Snohomish County) with a friend. She did not pick up her son from daycare and did not make it to her home in the 19800 block of Saratoga Drive, Stanwood. Her car was later found abandoned at the Stanwood Post Office. Detectives from the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit were assigned the investigation and have been looking for Ms. Bello since that time. She was featured on a deck of playing cards (the eight of hearts) distributed by detectives which profiled fifty-two unsolved homicides and missing persons in Snohomish County, Washington and has also been featured by Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound.

On November 23, 2011, a female claiming to be Judith Bello left a telephone message for Sheriff's Office detectives indicating she was alive and living in the State of California. Ms. Bello said she saw her profile on the Sheriff's Office website. Since November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sheriff's Office detectives have been attempting to verify that the female who left the telephone message was indeed Judith Bello. Through follow up investigation, detectives have determined that Ms. Bello is alive and living in California. Their investigation revealed that Ms. Bello left the State of Washington in August 1994 due to domestic issues involving her husband. It's unknown why she chose California or why she had not contacted either her family or the Sheriff's Office to verify she was alive and well. The Sheriff's Office will be closing this investigation.