## After five years - Maria H. has come back home

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She was 13 at the time, 40 years older: in 2013, Maria H. disappeared without a trace. Now she is back - after Bernhard Haase is further searched

At age 13, Maria H. disappeared, accompanied by a much older man. For years, her mother was looking for her. Now Monika Beisler announces a surprising news: The family is reunited.

From the Facebook message speaks the sheer relief: "1944 days - I feel a great need to

inform you directly as the second (after the police)," writes  $\underline{\text{Monika Beisler on Facebook}}$ . And then it says, in capital letters: "Maria has been back home since last night".

Beisler's daughter Maria H. is now 18 years old, and she has been untraceable for the past five years. Maria from Freiburg disappeared at the age of 13 years on 4 May 2013, probably in the company of the much older Bernhard Haase, then 53 years old. The case made headlines nationwide, also internationally, was searched for the couple, without any success.

Most recently, the criminal police had admitted that they no longer had any new investigative missions. But this Friday, the police department of Freiburg confirmed that Maria is back with her mother.

## The contact came via Facebook

In the meantime, she describes on the Internet how the contact with her child came about: Apparently, Maria herself contacted her via Facebook. Friends of the family would have picked up the young woman in Milan, Italy.

"I ask for your understanding that we and above all Maria need some time before we comment on it," continues Monika Beisler. And: "There is no happier family today than ours".

For this purpose, she published a current profile photo of her daughter, thanks also to the police, all the helpers and also their Facebook friends. Apparently not on Maria's side: her alleged companion Bernhard Haase. According to him, the police confirmed in their press release, further sought with an international arrest warrant.

The couple had met in 2012 via the Internet and met several times in Freiburg. The police assumed a love affair and that the girl volunteered to join the man. He is therefore accused of child abduction in a particularly serious case. However, there is also the suspicion of serious sexual abuse of children. After Maria's disappearance, the case was also the topic in the television program "Aktenzeichen XY unresolved", in which Maria's mother came up with a video call to speak - but without success.

The police followed many traces. In the summer of 2013 led to Poland, where both are said to have been staying in a car and shopping. But even this trail was fizzled. All the greater is the relief that Maria is alive and back home with her family.

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