

# Missing person reappeared: "It's a Christmas miracle for us"



Arian S. with his mother on an archive picture.

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## **25-year-old autistic lives in supervised facility. The family speaks of a "Christmas miracle".**

For three years Regina Schramm-Saraie waited for the redeeming message. Friday afternoon it is the police, the lady of Vienna with a call the good news sent. It is the happy ending in one of the most spectacular missing cases in Austria : Arian, the lost son of Schramm-Saraie, is alive and well.

The 25-year-old has been missing since 9 November 2015. Now the autistic was in a Mailander care facility, where he lived under a false name to recognize.

### **"It's a Christmas miracle for us"**

"I am so excited and overjoyed. It's a real Christmas miracle for us. But I always had the feeling that he is alive," says the mother. On Saturday, the whole family wants to pick up Arian in Milan . "It's important for us to be able to embrace him."

**Autism: 87,000 people affected in Austria**

The neurological developmental disorder has an impact on behavior and communication.

Even Arian's sister Roxana could not really believe it on Friday. "It's the best news you can imagine," says the 21-year-old. The hope that this day will come has never given up on the family over the years. "We were always convinced that he is somewhere," says the young woman.

### **Arian wanted to "take a vacation"**

Her brother is autistic. But he always wanted to discover the world. On November 9, Arian was last seen in a care center in Vienna-Währing . Then his track got lost. Regina Schramm-Saraie believed even then that her son could have traveled by train to a neighboring country. And should be right. Civil servants in Milan told Arian that he had taken a train to "take a vacation".

### **Young autistic disappeared: investigators check information from Germany**

8,000 people are reported missing each year. Only ten cases remain unclear on average.

Flashback: On 12 November 2015, three days after his disappearance in [Vienna](#) , Arian is found confused in Pieve Emanuele near Milan and taken to hospital. There, the young man is first diagnosed with psychosis. Later, he will be accommodated by the Milan social services in a community for autistic people. He pretends to be Antonio Gallo . All attempts to find out Arian's true identity fail.

### **Christmas brought the big change**

On Wednesday it comes to the big turn. "Arian was very nervous because the guy he shared the room with had [gone](#) home for [Christmas](#) . Suddenly he said he wanted to call the police , "said Giuseppe Tamburrino , who looks after the Viennese, the newspaper Repubblica . The caretaker insists on calling only the police when Arian says his real name.

The 25-year-old calls the name of his Persian father. Tamburrino conducts an internet search and discovers the true identity of his protégé.



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It seems Christmas was the trigger in the young man to open up. "Psychologists have always told us he'll say something when he's homesick. He always loved Christmas , "said Arian's mother.

"Something has moved in him," said Riccardo Tanieli , the head of the care center. "Now he is waiting for his family and says he wants to go home. He has decided that his vacation is over, "joked Tanieli .

### First phone call

Regina Schramm-Saraie was already able to make a video call with Arian on Friday: "He was very happy and said he wants to go home. He looks very good. It's good to know that Arian was in good hands. "

Meanwhile, the Italian caregivers are already planning a farewell party for Arian. And his mother has a gift for her son, about whom she has already told him: "When he is back in Vienna , he can work in a car wash. We have a commitment. That was always his biggest wish. "

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