

Casey and Sandy Parson's Interview with Salisbury Post
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Reporter: First of all, tell us about her, in the last few days we know her as a girl on a missing endangered poster, but tell us about her as a girl when she was here, what was she like?

Casey Parsons: She was normal, just like my other daughter. A happy go lucky little girl. Loved boys, even when she was in public school, her biggest problem was boys, she would go after them. She wanted another round of piercings in her ears, we already had one, we weren't going to let her go a second. She loves clothes. She wanted her hair long, she always loved her hair long and curly, and she waited til the day she was able to get a computer and things cause we let our kids wait til a certain age until they get electronic things, and she talked about that quite often, that she was going to get that.

Reporter: And she was adopted, how old was she when you got her?

Casey Parsons: We got her at 4 weeks old, she was placed with us, but she wasn't legally adopted until July 2000, she was 2-1/2 years old.

Reporter: And 2-1/2 years old?

Casey Parsons: Yeah

Reporter: And from what your attorney said and your neighbors have said, you taking in kids, is just what you do?

Casey Parsons: We do. Erica has 3 half siblings that also got at the same time. We had 7

kids, 3 of our biological kids and 4 that we got in at the time when we got her. And we had them 7 kids all the way up until August 1998 when the other 3 were placed with other adopted families that they did get adopted with, and we already had her for weeks, and she was already calling me mama and we couldn't let her go at that point so we, the social workers agreed to, we were the ones who learned her how to walk and talk and we were the only parents she knew at that point, and she called us mama and daddy.

Reporter: Now fast forward to roughly November 2011. What happened the last day she was here?

Casey Parsons: She didn't... her last day wasn't in November...

Reporter: Or roughly around that time.

Casey Parsons: The 3rd trip she went to Nans on, that was the final trip where she stayed with Nan and was December 17th of 2011 and that was suppose to be a 3 week trip for Christmas. She'd already went and visited in November and come back and it was like a Thanksgiving but it wasn't on Thanksgiving week because she was with us that week. She also went in another week in September and come back.

Reporter: So she went at Christmas time and previously she went in September and November?

Casey Parsons: Yes.

Reporter: Who's Nan?

Casey Parsons: Nan is her name, just like anybody gets called Grandma, Nanna, her's was Nan and that's what she called her but her real name was Irene Goodman.

Reporter: And her relationship with Erica is?

Casey Parsons: Her biological Grandmother on the father's side

Reporter: Have you met this woman before?

Casey Parsons: I've been talking to Nan since July 2011 and the first time I met her face to face was September 2011

Reporter: She came here?

Casey Parsons: No, we met at McDonalds in Mooresville

Reporter: How did you meet her?

Casey Parsons: When we met her in July 2011, it was her biological mother who gave her all the information to contact us, and she knew all our information, she knew our names, she knew Erica's birthday, all about Erica's biological daddy and names, and she knew Carolyn, the biological mother, she knew everything.

Reporter: At what point did you meet her biological mother?

Casey Parsons: We've known her, Erica was our niece, even before she was adopted.

Reporter: So the biological mother's name is?

Casey Parsons: Is Carolyn Parsons

Reporter: Where did she live, I know she's out of state?

Casey Parsons: Now she's out of state, they said Louisiana, and I talked to her and she told me Louisiana. She's lived everywhere around this way, Salisbury, and she even lived in Mooresville, and she lived in Kannapolis a lot, in Concord area.

Reporter: So the last time you saw her though, Nan didn't come to pick her up, how did she end up leaving with Nan?

Casey Parsons: All three times we met at the Mooresville McDonalds. All three times.

Reporter: Is there any particular reason you met at Mooresville McDonalds?

Casey Parsons: She had a 4 hour drive, and that actually the spot that she said she knew and asked us if we were willing to meet there and we've always met there. It's just that's where we went.
