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## COALINGA POLICE OFFICER TAKES STOLEN REINDEER REPORT

On March 15, 2016, six year old Cabella took a special stuffed reindeer to school with her at Bishop Elementary. Recently being diagnosed with Valley Fever and having to be followed for a year with monthly check ups, her dad had purchased the reindeer for her from Build-A-Bear with the promise that every time she attends an appointment at Valley Children's Hospital, he would buy her a new accessory for her reindeer.

While playing inside the gates of Bishop after school waiting to be picked up, Cabella set her reindeer and backpack down. When she picked up her backpack, her reindeer was gone. She ran to the office and the afterschool program but her reindeer had not been turned in. Cabella was extremely devastated as this reindeer is very important to her.

Secretary to Chief of Police Brittani Tompkins became aware of the situation and told Cabella's mom that she had a great idea. Later that evening, Officer Fairbanks showed up to their home and took a full "report" on Cabella's special reindeer. In tears, Cabella provided him with an account of what happened with a very detailed description of her reindeer. Officer Fairbanks provided Cabella with his card and assured her he would have the whole police department on the lookout for the reindeer and asked her to call him if it is found.

Cabella's mom later informed us that Cabella was so excited about Officer Fairbanks' visit that she slept with his business card in her hand.

Hi my daughter goes to BISHOP and her reindeer in the picture below went missing after school . If you happened to see it or if it was picked up on accident please return it .. It is extremely important to her and is so much more then just a stuffed animal . My fault for allowing her to take it to school. If anyone sees it or finds it please contact me thank you

