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Osage County Sheriff's Office

Missing Child Safely Recovered; Suspect Deceased Following Pursuit

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Webb City, OK — On the evening of Saturday, June 28, 2025, the Osage County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a missing 10-year-old girl from a residence in Webb City, a rural community near Shidler, Oklahoma.

Deputies immediately initiated a large-scale search operation. Approximately 20 personnel—including deputies, reserve deputies, troopers from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and other assisting law enforcement officers—responded to the scene. Resources deployed included a K-9 unit, drones, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) for a coordinated grid search. A social media post was issued seeking public assistance. Although law enforcement began the process of requesting official missing child alerts, the case did not initially meet the criteria for an AMBER Alert activation.

Through interviews with family members, deputies quickly developed a lead on a potential suspect believed to have abducted the child. Using emergency cell phone triangulation, investigators located the suspect in a remote ranch area north of Lyman, near the Cowley County, Kansas, Kay County, Oklahoma line—still within the far northwestern portion of Osage County.

Deputies responded to the area under the cover of darkness and discovered the suspect's vehicle concealed in an isolated agricultural field. As deputies approached and activated emergency lights while identifying themselves, the suspect fled the scene, initiating a pursuit that spanned approximately 20 miles.

The chase covered rough terrain and county roads and eventually circled back toward Webb City. Additional deputies had established containment positions in anticipation. Deputies attempted to box in the suspect, and he briefly came to a stop near the juvenile's residence. The child was able to exit the vehicle and was immediately recovered by deputies and was quickly reunited with her family.

At that point, law enforcement was informed that the suspect had a firearm. He continued to flee at high speed toward State Highway 11. During the final phase of the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle left the roadway and crashed. He was pronounced deceased at the scene due to injuries sustained in the crash.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol is conducting the crash investigation. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) is assisting in the death investigation.

The suspect has been identified as 51-year-old Jimmy Allison Schimmeles Jr., of Shidler, Oklahoma.

The Osage County Sheriff's Office expresses its deep gratitude to all agencies and personnel involved for their swift action and dedication. Thanks to their combined efforts, a child was safely recovered.

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