

《男子“去世”三年后回家，对着自己墓碑磕头》

导读:一名本应“死亡”长达四年之久的中年男子却突然归家，令其家人震惊不已。



The 59-year-old, named Ma Jixiang, had gone missing in 2009 and was confirmed by police in 2012 to have been killed in a traffic accident, reported the People's Daily Online.

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His family had cremated the dead body, which was believed to be his, before burying the ash at the village of Tanjialong in Xiangtan county, Hunan Province.

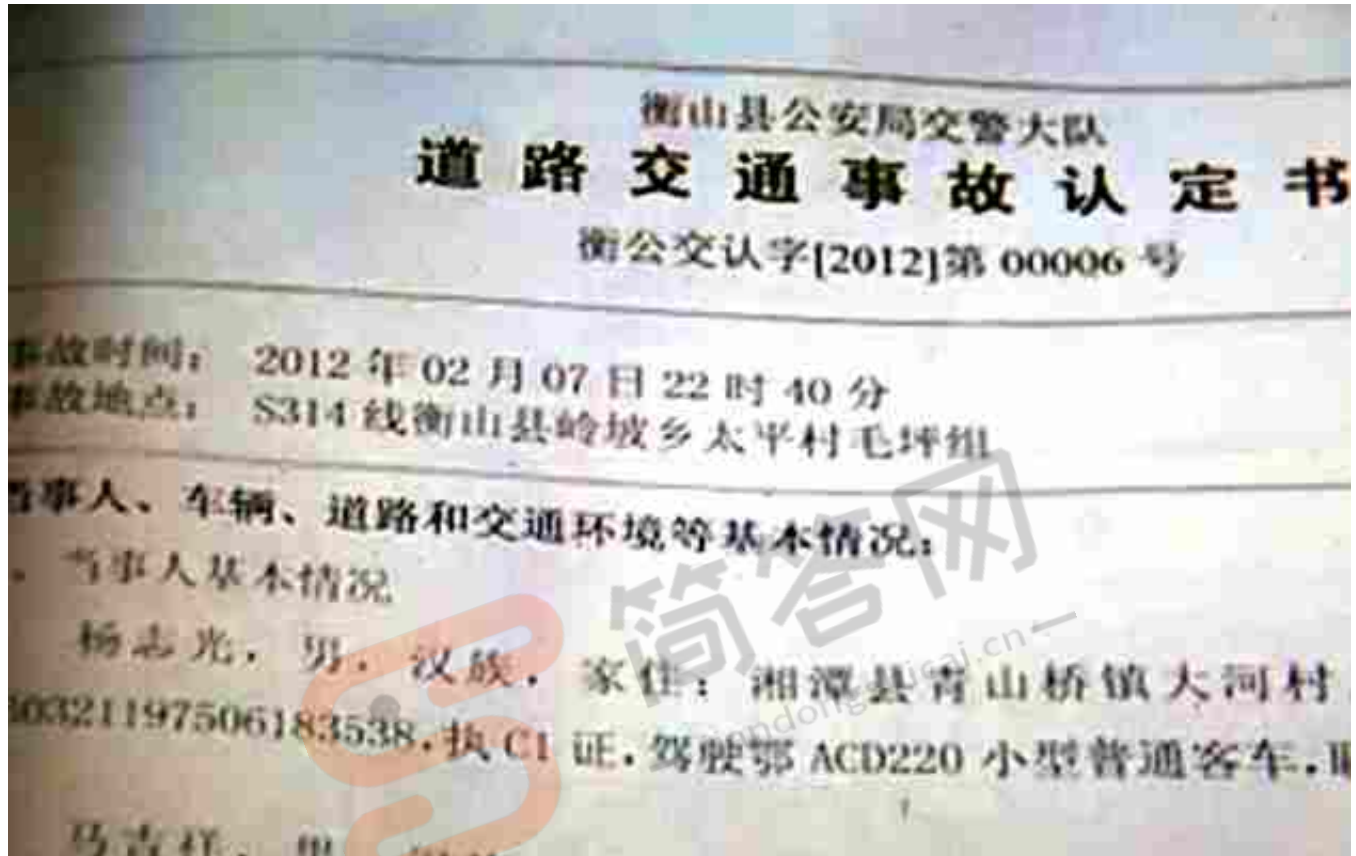
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Mr Ma suffers from mental illness, according to the article.

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His family reported his missing to the local police station in 2009 after he disappeared while being looked after by his cousins.

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In 2012, the family were informed by the traffic police squad of nearby Hengshan county that Mr Ma could have been killed in a traffic accident.

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The body of the victim was described unrecognisable, so the authority arranged DNA profiling between the victim and Ma Jianjun, Ma Jixiang's sibling.

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The analysis concluded that it could not 'exclude the possibility the unnamed body and Ma Jianjun share the same paternal kinship'.

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On December 22, 2015, Mr Ma's family were stunned when the 59-year-old was taken back to his home by officials of the village of Tanjialong.

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The man had been kidnapped and sold to an illegal brick factory to do hard labour, according to China's Democracy and Law Times.

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He had been forced to work in the factory for three years before being released due to his weakening health and inability to undertake heavy work, the report said.

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Mr Ma had been homeless for 'a few months' on the streets of Hengyang in Hunan Province, according to his own accounts.

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He was later taken to a shelter to which Mr Ma recited his registered home address.

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The shelter contacted the official of Tanjialong village who arranged him to be taken home.

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Mr Ma has been arranged by his village to stay in a local care home.

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It remains unclear why the local police had decided to declare his death in 2012, especially because the DNA report did not confirm his identity directly.

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While Mr Ma's family slowly came to accept the reality, they felt greatly humiliated for having laid to rest a family member who was still alive - a taboo for families in rural China.

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Mr Ma's nephew said if it wasn't for the fact that they had been given false information by the authority, they wouldn't have cremated and buried a living cousin.

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On February 7, 2016, Mr Ma visited 'his own' graveyard to commemorate the fourth anniversary of death of the

road accident victim, who remains unidentified.

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