



The Child Project, Iris Scan, Braldehy County

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Recent high profile cases involving missing children have some folks wondering what we can do to slow the problem.

One local Sheriff's Department thinks it may have an answer.

It is high tech solution that stares out right at you.

News 12's Glenn Bolin has details in this safe families report.

It sounds like a something out of a Mission Impossible movie, Iris Scanning biometrics.

But the ultra high tech procedure could soon find it's way into the the Bradley County sheriffs department.

As part of a national data base, called the child project, the department hope to be able to scan pictures of your childers eyes to help identify them incase they ever disappear.

Chip Bryant, Bradley County Sheriff's Dept. "your childs eyeball would be scanned, we would collect biological information about your child, height, weight, race that kind of thing. And that information would remain on the database from now on."

The iris, or the colored part of a child eye is scanned and entered into the data base and can be accessed across the country.

Unlike a photo that changes as the child ages, It doesn't matter how old the child is the iris stays the same.

We spoke to local parents to get their reaction to such a space age id(entification).

Stephanie Simpson, Cleveland "I think that's awesome.i would definitely do that. I'd go out of my way to take advantage of this."

Allettia Lynn "I think it is great for the community and child safety in the community."

The Child Project is just one of the many tools in the sheriff's department arsenal for just such an emergency.

They tell News 12, being prepared to find a missing child sends a powerful message to would be child predators.

Chip Bryant, BCSO "we are telling pedophiles and kidnappers don't come to bradley County 'cause we are ready for you.

Bradley County Authorities hope to get a grant to purchase the 20 thousand dollars iris scanner.

For more information on the Child Project follow this link.

<http://www.theyaremissd.org/ncma/content.php?webid=biometrics>

http://www.wdef.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WDEF/MGArticle/DEF_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031782818402&path