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Statement of Ronique Smith

This is one of the greatest days of my life. Reclaiming my identity, something that was taken from me as a child due to horrendous events that took place during my childhood is very powerful. I feel for the first time in my life like a whole person, no longer fragmented. I feel like I can now stand up proud and tall and speak my name with confidence knowing it is me. The true miracle is the privilege to spend time and get to know my birth mom, Jehri, a dream I thought would never come true. I am blessed beyond words and I am grateful to know my entire family, which is bigger than I could have ever imagined.

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