

# Sam's

# STORY

## RTI helps recover stolen jewellery and precious memories

Under the RTI Act, Sam\* was seeking the names and contact details of two people who had unwittingly (but legally) bought jewellery that had been stolen from his late wife, then on sold to a secondhand store.

The agency refused to give Sam those details, so Sam sought a review of that decision.

In aiming to resolve the issue, OIC thought that the administration of justice factors outweighed the buyers privacy.

This led to one of the now-owners of the stolen goods agreeing to hand over the jewellery to local police, and for the other to provide their lawyer's contact details.

The RTI Act helped Sam in his fight to recover his wife's jewellery, and some precious memories.



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