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The Goodness of America

Good Samaritans Intervene to Help Officer

Police Officer Stacee Wright of Willoughby, Ohio, was struggling to apprehend a suspect on September 10 when strangers swooped in to help and prevented a scary situation from potentially turning violent.

When Wright spotted a speeding driver that afternoon, she pulled the male suspect over. Violating protocol, the driver, later identified as David Koubeck, stepped out of the vehicle without being asked and refused to take a seat on the ground when Wright instructed him to do so.

According to local news station WKYC, the situation escalated quickly, with video footage showing the man pointing his finger in Officer Wright's face and refusing to put his hands behind his back.

The two struggled until another man ran toward them and helped get Koubeck to the ground. Three other people then approached and held Koubeck on the ground until another officer arrived.

It was not until the officers secured the scene that the citizens left.

Willoughby Police Department Chief Jim Schultz took to social media on September 12 to praise the community members who came forward to help Officer Wright.

"I would like to personally thank several great Samaritans and our wonderful community for their quick action and support," he wrote. "I am so proud of our community and the tremendous support we receive on a day-to-day basis."

Big Sister, Big Responsibilities

With her lemonade stand and loads of support from the local community, eight-year-old Makenzy Evans of Clarksville, Tennessee, has raised more than \$10,000 to support her little brother's serious medical issues.

Makenzy's brother, Gannon, five, was diagnosed with cerebral cavernous venous malformation two years ago, a condition that causes lesions on his brain that can dangerously rupture at any moment. As a result of his condition, Gannon suffers with daily seizures and is now struggling with an inoperable 10-millimeter tumor at the top of his brain stem.

"There is nobody who will touch his tumor — they won't even biopsy it," Gannon's mother, Tricia, told ClarksvilleNow.com. "Without a biopsy, we don't even know 100 percent that that's what it is," she said, adding that diagnostic imaging did indicate it was cancerous.

Desperate, the family found a clinical trial at Boston Children's Hospital that uses radiation therapy to treat the tumor, but the expensive treatment is only partially covered by insurance. The family still needed to pay more than \$20,000 to cover it.

Makenzy wanted to help her struggling family and decided to open up a lemonade stand, but did not expect the support she has received from the local community. In just a short time, she managed to raise more than \$10,000 for her brother's treatment. Big sisters have "big responsibilities," she told WKRN in Nashville.

Makenzy will continue to sell lemonade to raise money for her family as they deal with Gannon's medical treatments. The family set up a Facebook page called "Gannon's Story," which will feature



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posts about the lemonade events and other fundraisers.

Chick-fil-A Employee Is No Chicken

Chick-fil-A employee Mykel Gordon came to the aid of a woman and her baby and helped thwart a carjacking on September 14 in this incredible story out of Walton Beach, Florida.

Gordon was working his afternoon shift at the popular chicken restaurant when he heard screaming in the parking lot. He immediately ran to investigate and saw a woman with her baby in her arms. She told Gordon she was removing her baby from her car when a man approached her with a stick and demanded her keys.

The suspect, later identified as William Branch, was in the vehicle when Gordon arrived at the scene. Gordon, upon hearing the woman's account of the events, pulled Branch from the vehicle, wrestled him to the ground, and held him until police arrived. In the struggle, Gordon was punched in the face, but he still managed to subdue the suspect until law enforcement could take over the situation.

The incredible encounter was captured on video by witness Molly Kelner, who later shared it with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and posted it on Twitter with words of praise for Gordon.

Investigation into the incident also revealed that Branch had broken into a local home and tried to steal a purse earlier that day, *The Epoch Times* reported.

Chick-fil-A honored their hero with a post that read, "At Chick-fil-A, our mission is to 'Serve' and today, Mykel took it further ... to 'Save.'"

Do the Right Thing

Terrance Sessions of Forestbrook, South Carolina, turned a found wallet into an invaluable learning opportunity for his young daughter.

Sessions was at a gas station with his daughter, Jayla, on September 11 when he found a wallet in the middle of the road and used the contents inside to determine the owner's address. When he arrived at the home with his child, the owner did not answer. The owner later saw Sessions on her doorbell camera.

Grateful for Sessions' good deed and disappointed that she did not have the chance to thank him in person, the owner shared stills of Sessions on her Facebook page and asked users to help track him down. It was not long before he was identified.

Sessions was surprised by all the attention he received for his actions, asserting he did what "everyone should do" in such a situation. Sessions told WMBF that he wanted to use the moment as a "life lesson" for Jayla.

"Since her mom passed away, I've just been trying to teach her little simple things to do when she gets older so she can stick with it when she's not around me," he said.



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