



Goodness of America

Brave High Schooler

Seventeen-year-old Daniel Wesley's heroic actions could not save a woman from her deranged boyfriend, but at least he ensured that she was not alone when she died, even if it meant putting his own life in danger.

Wesley was driving home from the Mall of Louisiana in Baton Rouge on November 26 when he saw 30-year-old April Peck being tossed from a car after she had been shot. He immediately jumped out of his car and went to her to try to stop the bleeding, but the man who shot Peck, her boyfriend Terrell Walker, came back and threatened Wesley and other bystanders who came to Peck's aid.

"He gets out and he yells, 'If you're helping her, you are going to die, too,' and he shot me in the butt and then he ran after everybody else," Wesley told WAFB. "On his way back to the car, he shot me again in the arm and then my feet were hanging off of the curb and whenever he pulled away, he hit my legs and broke my femur in half."

Wesley pretended to be dead until Walker fled the scene. Walker was later killed in a gunfight with sheriff's deputies.

Wesley's quick thinking managed to save his own life, but he has had to undergo multiple surgeries. Peck, sadly, could not be saved.

The response to Wesley's heroism has been enormous, with Walker's cousin even visiting him in the hospital to apologize for Walker's actions.

"I told her, 'Don't be sorry. You couldn't change it,'" Wesley told WAFB.

Wesley was also visited by Louisiana Governor John Edwards and his wife, Donna.

Unfortunately, Wesley's actions are likely to impede his dream of joining the military. "I wanted to go into the Army and be a medic in the Army, but now, I have screws in both hands, my elbow and a metal rod in my knee, so that is probably out of the picture," Wesley said, though he remains positive.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help Wesley's family pay for his medical care and the months of rehabilitation ahead of him. In just five days, nearly three-quarters of the \$100,000 goal had been raised.

Though most people regard Wesley as a hero, he says he was inspired by his father. "My dad was a paramedic and a supervisor. I was trained to do it. So, even though I was just trying to be a good Samaritan and do it, I felt like I kind of needed to do it," Wesley said.

A Fresh Pair of Kicks

Greenwood (South Carolina) High School senior Tae Moore witnessed bullying at his school against fellow student Taylor Bates and did something amazing in response.

Bates, a young aspiring rapper who also goes by the name "Eazy T," was being bullied for the way he dressed, prompting Moore to reach out. According to Bates' Facebook post, Moore approached him and asked him his shoe size. When Bates responded that it was nine, Moore asked him to meet him in the same spot the following day. Unbeknownst to Bates, Moore went out that evening and purchased him a



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pair of expensive Jordan basketball shoes. On November 3, he presented Bates with the sneakers in the gym.

“Today when I went into the gym there was a small crowd of students around [Tae] who had a footlocker bag,” Bates wrote. “When he saw me come in he pulled out a Jordan shoe box and he opened it and it had retro 1 Jordans, and then he handed them to me saying, ‘here you go man these are yours.’”

Bates’ initial response was that of confusion, and when he asked Moore why he was giving him the sneakers, Moore responded, “I heard people have been bullying you, so I wanted to get these to make you feel better.”

Moore also added, “If anybody bullying you, you let me know alright?”

Moore, proud of his generosity and hoping to inspire others, posted a video of the exchange on his Facebook page with the following message: “It’s this kid go to our school name Eazy T he likes to rap and etc he said he wants to be a rapper just trying to chase his dream but kids at school likes to bully him and pick on him and talk about him the way he dress and look so I went and bought him some Jordan’s he was shocked.”

Within just a few days, the video went viral.

Bates told Fox Carolina that he was so happy that he nearly cried. He hugged Moore and thanked him for his kindness.

Proud Patriotism

It seems today that patriotism is considered to be politically incorrect, with protests against the national anthem sweeping the nation. San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick has made headlines for refusing to stand for the national anthem, with others following suit. But many Americans love their country and are proud of it, and those in attendance at a Fisher Football game in Philadelphia proved that on November 21.

The St. John Fisher College football team took it upon themselves to sing the national anthem when it became clear that the song was not going to be played before their big game against the University of Pennsylvania.

According to the Daily Wire, it’s unclear why the national anthem was not played, as the teams had been told that it would be played after the coin flip.

The scene was caught on video by Jen Ventura, mother to football player Dominick Ventura. She posted it to the St. John Fisher Football Booster Club Facebook page. “ECAC playoff game in Philadelphia at Franklin Field and they didn’t play the national anthem so our boys sang it!! #proudamericans,” reads the Facebook post.

The boys lined up and waited for the playing of the national anthem as usual, explained Ventura, and when it became clear that it wasn’t going to be played, they started singing it themselves. She said the parents and fans in the stands soon joined in. Even the players of the opposing team followed suit once they realized what was going on, the Blaze reports.

The Facebook post received a lot of positive responses from Fisher fans. “Proud to have been a part of



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such an amazing football program. Shame on them for not playing the anthem! Not surprised that the Fisher football family decided to take matters into their own hands. Thank you!" one fan wrote.

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