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Michael Shaw
Chief of Police
Grand Prairie Police Department

Subject: Civilian Life Saving Award

Sir,

I would like to make you aware of an incident that occurred on October 21, 2010 at the Kroger located at 514 S. Carrier. On that date Shena Jones and her three small children arrived at the store to go shopping. Ms. Jones parked her car and her two twin 2 year old daughters got out of their car seats. As Ms. Jones was about to get out of her car she received a telephone call from her mother. While Ms. Jones was on the phone one of her twin daughters rolled the back passenger window up while her sister had her head out of the window. The window closed on the child's neck and suffocated her. Ms. Jones looked back and saw her child stuck in the window and was able to roll the window down and removed the child from the vehicle. Ms. Jones then started screaming for help as her daughter was not breathing.

William Pursley was inside the Kroger foyer when he heard Ms. Jones screaming. He ran to the vehicle and saw her holding her lifeless child. Mr. Pursley took the child from Ms. Jones and determined that the child was not breathing and had no pulse. Mr. Pursley performed Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation on the child and was able to restore her breathing and heartbeat.

The child was subsequently transported to Children's Medical Center in Dallas where she was treated and released a few days later with no lasting effects from the incident.

I feel that William Pursley should be commended for his quick reaction to the incident and saving the life of Nyree Reese, who turned 2 years old while she was in the hospital related to this incident. Had Mr. Pursley not reacted in such a swift manner, the child might not have survived or if she had, would have possibly suffered from long term effects from being deprived of oxygen as a result of the incident.

I respectfully request that Mr. William Pursley be recognized for his actions on October 21, 2010 that saved the life of Nyree Reese.

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