

BIG THANK YOU TO the LCSO dispatcher OFFICER and OFFICER WHO FULFILLED an UNUSUAL REQUEST BUT URGENTLY NEEDED REQUEST. 4/1/20.

We are in unprecedented times, so maybe our brains are thinking differently because maybe some of our brain's are being stretched a little more than usual.

Officer Leydig said I was thinking outside the box - I was this afternoon thinking outside the box when I called the Loudoun County Sherrif's Office non emergency number to request assistance watching my child while I went and shopped for food for us. Yes it was a outside the box request because I was pushed wondering how am I going to do my grocery shopping and we were out of food and I did not think it was safe for my young son to go into the grocery store. My son is 6 years old and has asthma. His pulmonologist Dr has warned me not to have my son out in public areas crowded or not. Even with a mask that was given by a nurse for my son, I still did not feel comfortable with my son going into the grocery store with me, so I asked a question that the Loudoun County Sherrif's non emergency office had never heard: " I need help but its not an emergency, but its urgent, can I have an officer please watch my son in my car and the officer in his car next to my car? The officer who answered, paused, let out a sound between a chuckle and a hmmm, then said he did not know. He then proceeded to ask some questions, age of my son, which grocery etc and to repeat the request again.

I then explained that my husband is away , stuck in Europe due to the pandemic, no family here and did not know which few friends I keep, to trust or who may be exposed or not to COVID 19 or have the virus. I really needed a neutral person to watch my son from his car and my son in my car, while I buy groceries because I did not think it would be healthy for him to go into the store. Low and behold the officer or detective who had answered the phone, after pausing for another minute after pondering my information said an officer would call me back in a few minutes.

Officer Leydig meet me at the grocery store parking lot, introduced ourselves with no contact, my son surprisingly was comfortable, he had his tablet remained in my car, the officer in his car beside each other and I left and did my needed food shopping!

THANK YOU SO MUCH OFFICER LEYDIG, you were KIND, PATIENT and NICE, even my son was comfortable.

I came home and cried that I got my groceries done my son was safe and thought about the kind act of community service that LCSO provided through Officer Leydig!

When I last did groceries the pandemic was just starting to get bad and my mum was here. Its amazing that just 3 week's later, a normal activity like grocery shopping for those with young children is challenging.

Don't worry next time I need groceries I am going to use the delivery service that most groceries stores have implemented and have since lowered the delivery service charge since the rising COVID 19 pandemic.

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Captain De Litta,

We appreciate Deputy Pecoraro being assigned to address this issue. So far, it appears the motorcyclist has gotten the message, as his driving behavior through the neighborhood has become much safer. Our neighbors and I are very pleased with the attention this matter was given.

As we continue to deal with the current health crisis, this issue was rather mundane by comparison. However, through Deputy Pecoraro's efforts, the quality of life here has improved.

We would appreciate if you would ensure an "atta-boy" note is placed in his personnel file.

Please stay healthy and safe

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