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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Media Friends,

On March 16th 2016 a 16 year old boy rode his bicycle to a local store to shop. The boy tried to roll his bicycle around in the store with him because he did not want to leave it outside. He was afraid his bicycle would get stolen, and he did not have a lock for it.

The 16 year old boy was asked to take his bicycle out of the store and leave it by the doors. The boy did this and ran in to finish his shopping. When the boy exited the store his bicycle was gone. The video from the store shows someone taking the bicycle, but the police were unable to identify the suspect.

The boy's mother is a single parent, and she said that they have no pets because their apartment is very small. She said this BMX bicycle was very important to her son and he rides it every day. Over the time her son owned the bicycle, they have invested over \$2000.00 dollars into the customization of the bicycle. The mother and her son have both been devastated since it was stolen.

The mother put out a flier stating that she is a single mom who has tried to raise her son with values, morals and to be a good person. His mom wanted to prove to her son that there are really good people in the world even though something bad has happened. The mother offered a small reward for the return of his bicycle.

Sergeant Brower of the West Jordan Police Department had this case come across his desk. He was sympathetic to the situation and wanted to do something to help the family. He spoke with a BMX bicycle company and the company agreed to help by donating a portion of the costs associated with replacing the stolen bicycle. Sergeant Brower covered the rest of the costs and arranged to give the bicycle to the family. Arrangements have been made for Sergeant Brower to give the bicycle to the young man at a BMX demo occurring at the Hometown Living Expo show on April 23 at the Sandy Expo Center, at approximately 4pm. The family is unaware that a bicycle has been purchased for them, but think they are going to the show to see the BMX team do a demonstration. **Receiving the bicycle is a surprise to the young man and his family.** Sergeant Brower has arranged for a BMX team that is doing a demo at the Sandy Expo Center to sign the bicycle and give the young man a t-shirt.

Sergeant Brower was not seeking recognition or attention by getting involved with this family. He was hoping to help the family out in their time of need and discouragement. He is not looking to speak with the media, but was made aware that this young man's story was sent to them.

Sincerely

Sergeant Joe Monson