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Case # 10-2685

13-year-old boys find large sum of money; “Do the right thing” by turning it over to Milwaukie Police.

On July 16th, 2010, at about 3:00 p.m. two thirteen-year-old boys discovered a large sum of cash money (in the hundreds) on the ground in the parking lot of the Milwaukie Rite-Aid store, 10860 SE Oak Street, in Milwaukie, Oregon.

The two boys, Michael Howell and Joseph Johnson, quickly brought their find to the attention of Michael’s mother (Janette Howell), who was also riding her bike nearby. The boys felt it was important to report the incident to the police. They rode to the Public Safety Building, where with the help of Mrs. Howell, the boys turned the money over to police.

Milwaukie Police Officer Lindsey Nold was impressed by both teens’ honesty and integrity. Officer Nold commented that given the current U.S. economic times, and in an era that describes teenagers as self-centered and unsympathetic, Michael and Joseph disregarded personal gain, and chose to ‘do the right thing.’

Police are not releasing the exact amount of money found, and will not disclose the currency denominations, in hopes that the victim of the missing money can properly identify and claim the found property being kept in the police property room.

The mother's of both teens are willing to speak with the media, and allow their boys to be contacted.

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