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Ty's Story

Recently a young man named Ty Olson came to the attention of the Worthington Police Department.

Officer Walker spoke with Ty's mother and found out that Ty is a 15-year-old Autistic male.

Last year on January 17, 2019, Ty was diagnosed with Metastatic Ewing Sarcoma.

A week later on January 23, Ty's 14th birthday, he underwent surgery to install a port-a-cath and started Chemotherapy the next day.

By June 2019, Ty completed his 31st radiation treatment on his ankle and by October, completed his 14th round of Chemotherapy.

On October 4th, Ty underwent end of treatment scans and the scans showed the tumor in his ankle was gone and he was down to two small spots on his lungs, down from 50.

Ty underwent an additional ten radiation treatments

that completed on November 10th.

Ty's protocol required follow up scans every three months and on February 3rd, Ty went back for the scans.

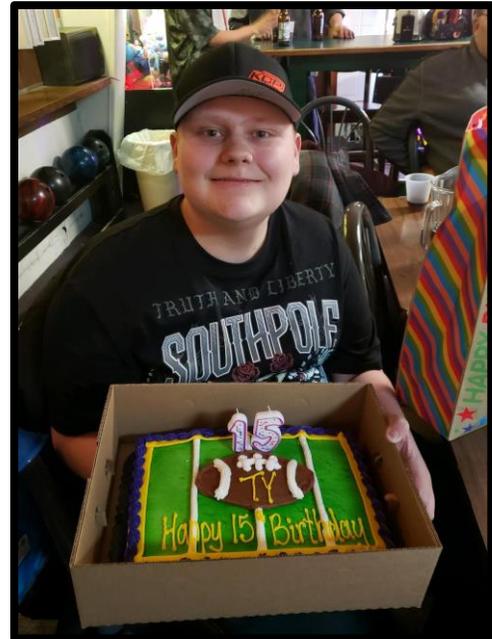
The news was not good. Ty's scans showed the cancer returned with numerous tumors in his lungs, a new growth on his ankle and a suspicious spot on his right thigh.

Ty's doctor said his condition was treatable, but not curable and that if he wants to do things in life, he should do them now.

Officer Walker heard about Ty's story and received permission from Chief Appel to give Ty a signed and framed group photo of the Worthington Police Department, a police department challenge coin, a police department patch, and a water bottle.

According to Ty's mother, Lori, he lit up when she told him about the surprise.

Let's all keep Ty in our thoughts and prayers as he goes through the fight of his life as he battles cancer once again.



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Kevin Birkland vs Commissioner of Public Safety

A recent ruling by the Minnesota Court of Appeals has determined that under Minnesota Statute 169.19, Subdivision 1(b) a driver turning left from a single left-turn lane into a two-lane road can enter either lane of the roadway being entered.

Kevin Birkland was stopped by the South Minnetonka Police Department after an officer witnessed him make a left turn into the far-right lane of Highway 7, which is a four-lane highway with two eastbound lanes of travel.

Birkland was subsequently arrested and submitted to a breath test. As a result of the breath test, the state revoked Birkland's driver's license.

The district court affirmed the revocation of Birkland's driving privileges concluding that Minnesota Statute 169.19 Subd. 1(b) required Birkland to turn into the innermost lane.

Birkland appealed the district court's ruling to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, arguing that the statute is unambiguous, and a plain reading shows the statute is silent of which lane the driver must enter after turning.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals agreed with Birkland and remanded the case back to the district court to rescind Birkland's license revocation.

What this means for the public is that you will



need to be aware that cars making a left turn may now turn into any lane available.

Where this could have the greatest impact is with cars at a red light waiting to turn right, since the car making a left turn can use either lane.

This case has been published by the Minnesota Court of Appeals and is now the law of the land.

Credit:
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Anniversaries

The Worthington Police Department would like to thank the following police department employees for their years of dedicated service:

Shari Droll	Records Clerk	12 years
Mark Riley	K-9 Police Officer	9 years
Joseph Joswiak	Detective	9 years
Josh Erwin	Animal Control	1 year

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Novel Coronavirus

What is it?

A novel coronavirus is simply a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified.

The coronavirus that is making national news is the Coronavirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 for short.

The coronavirus was first identified in the 1960's and has been known to cause mild illness such as the common cold.

Where did it come from?

The Coronavirus is a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people while others cause illness in animals, such as the feline and canine coronaviruses.

Early on, many of the patients in the COVID-19 outbreak were linked to a large seafood and live animal market in Wuhan, China, suggesting an animal to person spread.

How is it spread?

The virus is spread mainly from person-to-person:

Usually between people who are in close contact with one another, or

Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

It may be possible for a person to get the virus by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, but it is not the main way the virus spreads.

Signs and Symptoms

Symptoms of the coronavirus are similar to the symptoms of the common flu. These include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Body aches
- Fatigue
- Sometimes vomiting
- Sometimes diarrhea

The coronavirus can also cause shortness of breath.

Symptoms of the coronavirus usually occur 2-14 days after exposure.

Prevention

Like the flu and other illnesses, preventative action will help prevent the spread of the virus.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw it in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- If you are showing signs of the virus, you should wear a facemask to help prevent the spread of the virus. The CDC does not recommend that healthy people wear a facemask to protect themselves.

- Most importantly, wash your hands! Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the rest room, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Infections

COVID-19 – Approximately 84,119 cases worldwide with 62 cases in the U.S. as of February 28, 2020

Flu – Estimated one billion cases worldwide with 9.3 to 45 million cases in the U.S.

Deaths

COVID-19 – Approximately 2,871 deaths reported worldwide with zero deaths in the U.S as of February 28, 2020.

Flu – 291,000 to 646,000 deaths worldwide with 12,000 to 61,000 deaths in the U.S. per year.

The overall chance of dying from the Coronavirus appears to be less than one percent. This also depends on a range of factors including age, sex, general health, and health system.

This number may be over inflated since most mild cases of the virus may not be treated and therefore not reported to the medical authorities.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

According to the Minnesota State Patrol Facebook page, a trooper stopped a car in Pipestone County for speeding 115 mph in a 60 mph zone on Highway 23.

If this wasn't bad enough, the motorist had just been ticketed by the Pipestone County Sheriff's Office for speeding 92 mph in a 60 mph zone.

The motorist casually told the trooper he thought he was only going about 70 mph.

For most people, two speeding tickets in a day is unheard of, but not for this driver!

Leaving the traffic stop with the state trooper, the motorist took off at a high rate of speed and was pulled over by the same trooper just into Rock County for speeding. This time for 94 mph in a 60 mph zone!

Three tickets just wasn't enough for this motorist as he was stopped a 4th time for speed by another trooper. This time the motorist was ticketed for 84 mph in a 60 mph zone!

The state patrol was quoted as saying "If you feel the need for speed, we feel the need to ticket you".



For those wondering, a conviction for speeding over 100 mph will result in a license revocation for 6 months.

Three traffic violations in 12 months will trigger a warning letter and a fourth traffic violation in 12 months will trigger a 30 day license suspension.

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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