

AREA RESOURCE GUIDE

(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support/ Advocacy

Compassionate Families
354-0007, 721-3326
Parents of Murdered Children
262-0866, 713-9683
Victim Services Center
630-6300
Jax. Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
630-1764

Abuse (Domestic)

24 Hour Hotline
1-800-500-1119
Hubbard House Emergency
Shelter & Counselling
354-3114
Quigley House (Clay County)
1-800-339-5017

Compensation (victim)

Victim Services
630-6300
MADD Victim Services
388-0664

Consumer Fraud

State Attorney's Office
351-0900

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
387-4661

Family

Family Nurturing Center of Florida
389-4244

Family Support Services of North Florida

4057 Carmichael Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32207
904/421-5800
www.fss.jax.org
(Provide foster care, adoption and prevention)

Guardian Ad Litem Program

220 East Bay Street, 6th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202
904/630-1200

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid
356-8371
Three Rivers Legal Services
126 W. Adams St., 7th floor
Jacksonville, FL 32204
904/394-7450

Mental Health Center of Jacksonville

333 West 20th Street
Jacksonville, FL 32254
904/695-9145

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD)
388-2455

Parenting Help

A place where parents and kids learn how to survive.
www.ihelpparents.com

Rape

Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC)
358-RAPE (358-7273)
Office: 630-6330
Rape Crisis Hotline: 904/721-7273

State Attorney's Office

630-2400

Trauma Counseling

Women's Center of Jacksonville
722-3000
Rape Crisis Hotline: 904/721-7273
City Victim Services
630-6300

Youth Crisis

Youth Crisis Center - The Safe Place
3015 Parental Home Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
904-725-6662

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Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented Lawton Walker (shown with his wife) the Medal of Heroism, which recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.

...to Lawton Walker, a citizen whose immediate action at a crime scene helped nab a murderer. The Georgia framing contractor had stopped at McDonald's on Baymeadows Road for a sandwich, when he witnessed the murder of Haitian immigrant Raynold Orelus as he escorted his manager to her vehicle. The gunman rushed past Walker's truck to the manager's car, reached inside to grab the money bag containing the restaurant's deposit, and shot Orelus when he tried to intervene.

Outraged at the brazen crime committed right in front of him in broad open daylight, Walker intended to run over the man as he ran away, but when the gunman entered a car parked behind his pickup, Walker sped backward in an attempt to ram the vehicle and kill or at least incapacitate him. The man, however, accelerated just enough that Walker's truck hit him behind the driver's door.

"We were both addled a bit," Walker says, "but he pulled onto Baymeadows a little ahead of me, driving wildly through the traffic. I had dropped my cell phone in the crash and was trying to reach it on the floorboard as I drove, but I honked and ran red lights, hoping a policeman would see and stop me. There were other silver cars on the street, and I lost sight of him."

After he drove under I-95, an officer did pull him over for running a red light, and Walker jumped out to tell him what

happened. Another witness pulled up just then to say the gunman was going north on the Interstate. With that information relayed to other officers, they all listened on the police radio and learned that the killer, Nesta Walker, was captured a short time later. Walker said he understands that an officer driving southbound on I-95 spotted the

damaged vehicle, made a U-turn and followed the murderer until help arrived and they arrested him.

Walker says he's always been quick to react. He believes the Bible, and that "right is right and wrong is wrong. Someone told me I was stupid to risk my life when I have a wife and kids to think about, but there is no greater gift than to lay down your life for a friend. I think of Orelus' five kids; they'll never see their dad again." He believes nothing short of hanging should be the penalty for this killer.

Our hats are off not only to Lawton Walker but to Autocrafters and Keith Pierson Toyota for restoring Walker's truck. When they heard about his heroic actions to help capture the killer, they joined forces to make repairs. The Toyota dealership "spent approximately \$2,400. Autocrafters did all the labor and we gave all the parts. We refurbished the wheels and interior, along with a complete full detail on the truck." Dynasty Limo donated a limousine that took the Walkers to the FOP lodge where he was honored and presented with his like-new truck.

It was an honor to help somebody who put his personal well being aside to do what was right. If more people thought this way, we would have a much safer community.

- Keith Pierson



After hearing about what Mr. Walker had done when he witnessed the crime, we thought, "Here is a man who, without thinking of the danger, acted on impulse to do the right thing. This is what the city and county needs - more people like Mr. Walker." The people who own and run Autocrafters feel the same way, so we felt compelled to do the right thing and help Mr. Walker.

- Brad Russell



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