

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 6:15 PM

To: Miguel Monico

Subject: re: 9/24 911 call thank you

Deputy Monico,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning regarding the 911 call outside my house last night. I returned an officer's knife I found on my lawn from that incident. The address was [REDACTED] Rd, Beaverton OR 97005. [REDACTED] called in that a man (20-ish) was waving a rifle and yelling across the street on Killpack St. Turns out the young man has autism and had a fake rifle, 18 officers showed up and handled the situation without anyone getting hurt. I want to commend all the men and women that came out on the call.

You have to understand something. I have a 33 year old son with autism. I fear for him/his safety should he encounter the police in a confrontation like last night. He would act the same as that young man last night, not following the officers directions. I have always feared my son would end up dead or maimed by the police for not following directions. Now I have first hand knowledge that that is not how you (Washington County Sheriff's Dept.) work. I am relieved and thankful.

Please let the officers know how grateful my family is that there are officers that are trained how to work with mentally challenged people. Not only trained, but they use it! I shouldn't be surprised by this, but I was. My deepest apologies. In my head I know you are the good guys, but my heart is still slightly scared of you. Sorry, I am trying to get my heart to match my head. Thank you for your service. (This may sound phony, but it is from the heart.) I am following up my thanks with a commitment to pray daily for the officers and their families. God bless you all.

[REDACTED]
A grateful citizen

PS. I'm a not a good letter writer, but hope you can get the gist of what I wanted to say....THANK YOU.