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94-year-old Victim Gets New Trike

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Today a 94-year-old tricycle theft victim has a brand new set of wheels after a collaborative effort between the Tampa Bay community, Suncoast Law Enforcement Charities, St. Petersburg Police Department, CVS and Attorney Kevin Hayslett.

On July 18th Richard Griffin's motorized tricycle was stolen as he shopped in the CVS on 6th Street South. After the St. Petersburg Police Department asked the public for help in locating the stolen trike, the Tampa Bay community responded with donations to replace it. Suncoast Law Enforcement Charities received 43 checks totaling \$2445 between July 27th and August 2nd. Donation checks ranged from \$5 to \$500.

Attorney Kevin Hayslett generously topped off the donations and ordered a new tricycle for Mr. Griffin. Today, CVS presented Mr. Griffin with \$100 gift certificate and the St. Petersburg Police Chief Anthony Holloway and Attorney Hayslett presented him with a brand new trike, a bike lock and registration.

The investigation into the theft is still underway. Our sincere thanks to the entire Tampa Bay Community, for your generous donations and making Mr. Griffin mobile again!

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Due to a healthy response to efforts to replace Richard Griffin's motorized tricycle, we are no longer accepting donations. Mr. Griffin will get a new trike thanks to several generous donations. Any leftover funds will be used to benefit Mr. Griffin or returned to donors (per donor wishes). We will let everyone know when the trike will be presented to him. Thank you to everyone who has helped to get him mobile again!

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Donations for Stolen Motorized Tricycle

We've received numerous inquiries about helping to replace Mr. Griffin's motorized tricycle. Arrangements have been made with the Suncoast Law Enforcement Charities (SCLC) to accept checks for him. Anyone wanting to donate, can send a check made out to SCLC with Richard Griffin in the memo line at the bottom of the check.

Suncoast Law Enforcement Charities
c/o St. Petersburg Police Department
1300 1st Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

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Help Us Find 94-year-old's Stolen Tricycle

94-year-old Richard Griffin rode his motorized tricycle to the CVS ,4260 6th Street South on July 18th. When he went inside the store, someone stole his tricycle. (surveillance video attached)

This is a motorized trike and requires a key to operate, so it's not easy to move. For this reason, we believe someone may dump it once they realize they can't even pawn it.

Please help us get the word out, as this is Mr. Griffin's only mode of transportation. He can't afford the estimated \$2700 to replace it.

We've attached video of the crime. Unfortunately, the quality isn't good enough to identify the suspect. However, it shows what happened.

Mr. Griffin is willing to talk to the media. Please call us for his contact information, if you are interested.

