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Teen earns commendation for preventing a suicide

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A Georgetown teenager who prevented a man's suicide just days after the death of his brother in a fire was recognized for his quick thinking with an award recently by the Halton Regional Police Service.

Cameron Boyer, now 16, was walking home just before midnight on March 20, 2014 after an evening out with friends.

Just a few doors down from his residence, Boyer noticed that a car was idling in the driveway with a man sitting in the driver's seat and a hose fixed from the exhaust pipe leading back into the inside of the vehicle through one of the windows left slightly open.

"I noticed that the car was running and as I kept walking I figured out what he was trying to do," Boyer recalled.

"I was super nervous the whole time. I remember nearly losing my shoe running home as quickly as I could because my cellphone battery died. A lot of people ask me why I didn't just pull the hose out or knocked on the guy's window, but I heard stories before about people being prepared for that sort of stuff, so I thought it would be better to run home and call the police."



Georgetown resident Cameron Boyer is presented with the Chief's Commendation Award by Halton Regional Police Community Policing Support Services Deputy Chief Bob Percy.

Submitted photo

Boyer's mother Linda was waiting up for her son and immediately called 9-1-1 when told of the suicide attempt and the dispatcher then spoke with Cameron to get some more details. An officer visited the Boyer home a couple of hours later to inform them that Cameron's actions saved the man's life and that the victim had been taken to hospital for psychiatric assessment.

At the time of the incident, Cameron was cop-

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