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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Boy Saves Allowance to Give Gift Cards to Deputies in Fallen Father's Honor

Eleven year-old Jeffrey Foust recently moved to Flagler Beach with his mother, Ginny. They moved from Tennessee where Jeffrey's father was a Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputy until his death on December 7, 2011.

As a tribute to his father, on his own accord without coaxing, Jeffrey decided to save all of his allowance throughout the year in order to present Christmas gifts to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. As December drew near, he asked his mother to take him to purchase gift cards so that he could give them to the local deputies.

Jeffrey purchased fifty \$10 gift cards for deputies and four \$25 gift cards for what he referred to as the "Big Dogs" at the Sheriff's Office, or the supervisors.



Jeffrey Foust and Sheriff Rick Staly

Arrangements were made for Jeffrey to present the gift cards to Sheriff Staly on Friday, December 7th, just before the annual Christmas with a Deputy event, where selected children accompany a deputy for a night of holiday shopping. In a surprise twist, Sheriff Staly told Jeffrey that he would be participating in

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the Christmas with a Deputy event for his kind heart and generosity.



Commander Phil Reynolds and Jeffrey Foust at the Christmas with a Deputy event on Friday evening.

“This young man has had to endure so much pain at such a young age, but you can see his strength and drive to overcome the loss of his father and carry-on his father’s tradition of service to community,” Sheriff Rick Staly said after meeting Jeffrey. “The world could use more young men like Jeffrey. I am proud of him and we are so appreciative of his kind gesture to the Sheriff’s Office this holiday season.”

Many Sheriff’s Office deputies chose to use Jeffrey’s gift to “pay it forward” and add the gift card to the holiday shopping experience of the child they accompanied to the Christmas with a Deputy event.

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