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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Good Citizen Prevents Toddler from Wandering Off

**Lexington, SC** (August 27, 2013) – On August 26, 2013 at approximately 4:59pm, officers of the Lexington Police Department were dispatched to an incident at Virginia Hylton Park in which a toddler had wandered away from the play area. Officers arrived on scene less than 1 minute from being dispatched and less than 4 minutes from the time the 911 call was received at 4:55pm.

Investigation revealed that a three year old toddler was observed by an unknown good citizen to be leaving the park unattended. This unknown citizen was leaving the park alone. The toddler appeared to be following behind the citizen when this unknown Good Samaritan turned around and prevented the toddler from leaving by escorting the toddler back towards the park area.

The good citizen then encountered a witness who was exiting the restroom and inquired if she knew the child or the parents. This witness stated yes and escorted the child back to the mother who was still in the park.

Chief Terrence Green would like to thank this unknown good citizen for averting what could have been a far worse situation had the child wandered further away from the safety of the park. Citizens are also reminded that emergency call boxes are located within all town parks for any emergency situations that arise.

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**Video:** Park Surveillance Video  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELZZ7h5QCqg&feature=youtu.be>

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