

Five-year-old boy calls 911



- 1 Five-year-old TyLon Pittman was watching videos of How the Grinch Stole Christmas when he suddenly became afraid. He reached for the phone and called the police to report an urgent tip. "I just want to tell you something. Watch for that little Grinch. Because the Grinch is gonna steal Christmas, OK?" TyLon said on the 911 call, which was posted on a news website. The 911 dispatcher asked the child if he was home alone. His father quickly came to the phone and apologized for his son's call to the police. "No, no it's fine," the dispatcher said with a laugh. "He called in saying the Grinch was trying to steal his Christmas."
- 2 Two hours later, there was a knock on the door. TyLon's 25-year-old brother TeDera answered the door and saw a police officer standing there. "I opened the door and saw the uniform and she explained to me, 'I'm looking for a little boy who was watching the Grinch?'" said TeDera. "We called him out and he explained to her what happened." The officer told TeDera that normally police don't respond to these kinds of calls. TeDera grabbed his phone and started recording as the officer told TyLon that she'd protect him from the Grinch. "She said she thought it was the cutest thing," TeDera said. "She wanted to pay him a visit to let him know his Christmas will be safe."
- 3 Then the police department took it a step further. They invited TyLon and his family to tour the police station on Monday. When the 5-year-old arrived, they surprised him with a real-life Grinch (really someone dressed in a Grinch costume) who was in a police car. They told TyLon to lock him up. TyLon took the Grinch by his hand and put him in a holding cell and locked the door. The boy then reluctantly let him out, and the Grinch commended TyLon on his bravery.

- 4 TeDera said that even before this happened, TyLon wanted to be a police officer, and that he does even more so now. He described his brother as an outgoing kid who regularly makes everyone laugh and said his family has enjoyed the attention the 911 call has brought, and thinks the whole episode is pretty amusing. “We were shocked he actually did it,” TeDera said, “but we had a talk with him about when it’s OK to call 911.”

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- 1p 26 Waarom belde TyLon het alarmnummer 911? (alinea 1)
- A Hij dacht dat er een inbreker in zijn huis was.
 - B Hij was bang omdat zijn ouders niet thuis waren.
 - C Hij wilde de politie belangrijke informatie geven.
- 1p 27 Waarom bracht de politie een bezoek aan TyLons huis? (alinea 2)
- A omdat ze altijd reageren op dit soort telefoontjes
 - B omdat ze hem gerust wilden stellen
 - C omdat ze zeker wilden weten dat hij veilig was
- 2p 28 Geef van elke bewering aan of die juist of onjuist is volgens alinea 3. *Omcirkel ‘juist’ of ‘onjuist’ in de uitwerkbijlage.*
- 1 De Grinch zat in een politieauto.
 - 2 De Grinch moest achter de tralies.
 - 3 De Grinch bood met tegenzin zijn excuses aan.
 - 4 De Grinch werd uiteindelijk vrijgelaten.
- 1p 29 Wat zegt TeDera over zijn broertje TyLon in alinea 4?
- A dat TyLon al weet wat hij later wil worden
 - B dat TyLon heeft beloofd dat hij nooit meer zal bellen
 - C dat TyLon normaal gesproken erg verlegen is