



Public Information Release

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On Saturday, September 9, 2017, the Acworth Police Department responded to an accident at the Best Western Motel located at 5155 Cowan Road. A couple that was evacuating from Florida was checking in to the motel, and as they were parking their Lexus, the vehicle surged through a fence and ended up in the pool. Good Samaritans from Florida jumped into the pool and floated it back to the shallow end and were able to get the couple and their two dogs out of the car. Witnesses stated that the husband and wife were in a panic and the doors would not open without the assistance of the bystanders.

The female passenger was transported to Kennestone to be evaluated and was later released. The male driver, who is unable to swim, was understandably very upset. Because he was so shaken, Officer T. Clayton took over all of the administrative tasks that he needed to complete. She made calls to the insurance company and then was able to locate a rental car for the couple. Rental cars were in short supply this past weekend, but after a lengthy search, Ofc. Clayton finally located one at Avis in Woodstock, which was preparing to close for the evening. Officer Clayton explained the situation, and Avis agreed to stay open a little longer in order to help. Ofc. Clayton then drove the male to Woodstock to pick up the car, waited with him while he picked up the vehicle, and escorted him back to Acworth.

This situation could have been much worse, if not for the help of some very dedicated officers and Good Samaritans. The family was so thankful for the outpouring of help that they received that they now want to make Acworth their home.

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