

Pastor Thanks God for Sparing Life After Fist-Fight with Gun-Wielding Carjacker Teen

A Connecticut pastor who was carjacked while visiting Baltimore is thanking God for sparing his life.

Rev. Kenneth Moales Jr. of Bridgeport, Connecticut, fought to survive after a 16-year-old held him at gunpoint while trying to steal his car.

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Moales told WBAL-TV he was in Baltimore for a funeral and had parked his car outside a seafood restaurant to meet a local pastor.

As Moales was parking his wife's Audi A6, the 53-year-old was approached in the pouring rain by a teenager at the driver-side window as though he had an emergency, the Connecticut Post reports.

Moales cracked the window, and the young male said his phone was broken and he needed help.

Then things took a scary turn as the 16-year-old pulled a ski mask over his face and pointed a gun at Moales.

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Security camera video obtained from News 12 in Connecticut captured the entire incident.

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"He pulled a gun like this," Moales told WBAL-TV, adding that the gunman said, 'Get out of the car, get out of the car.'"

As the father of four stepped out of his vehicle, he thought, "I can't die like wife and children are at home, they'd be devastated. I can't die here."

The former football player sized up the thief's frame and decided to fight back.

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Video shows Moales punching the teen and the teen pistol-whipping him in the head. The two tussled and struggled in the street. Moales eventually was able to pin the 16-year-old to the ground.

"I'm in full pursuit at age 53 and 300 pounds, chasing some young kid in the rain," Moales said. "It's all adrenaline, fight or flight."

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