

Street Preacher Shot While Preaching Offers Forgiveness to Suspect

An Arkansas street preacher who spends Sundays sharing the Gospel was reportedly shot last weekend by a young man who was trying to take his microphone.

The Rev. Larry Oneal Walker is recovering after the shocking ordeal – and has even offered forgiveness to the man who allegedly shot him, 20-year-old Latarryes Bush, according to KTHV-TV.

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Walker was reportedly in the same spot he always preaches on June 2 in North Little Rock when Bush allegedly tried to take his microphone. When Walker wouldn't give it up, he was reportedly shot.

"When officers arrived on scene, they located one adult male victim lying on the ground, suffering from at least one gunshot wound," North Little Rock Police Department said in a statement, noting the preacher is now recovering.

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According to Walker, the suspect immediately looked "like he was sorry" and embarrassed over the incident. But while the preacher could harbor anger over what unfolded, he's offering forgiveness.

"It doesn't make no difference how bad you've been,"

Walker told KTHV-TV. "This young boy shot me to death and I'm going out there and I'm going to embrace him and give him \$5 if he let me do it and a nice hot meal."

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