

Teen Charged in Accidental Death of Beloved Teacher Vows to Spend Life 'Exemplifying Christ'

A Georgia high school prank that turned deadly is leading to some powerful Christian displays of faith and forgiveness. As the families involved in the tragedy grapple with the pain of the accident, along with their uncertain futures, they're turning to their hope in Jesus Christ for the solution.

As CBN News reported, North Hall High School teacher and coach Jason Hughes was tragically killed in a prank that went wrong. Now the teen driver of the pickup truck that ran over him is expressing deep regret and vowing to live his life for Christ in a way that honors the man whose life he accidentally took.

Eighteen-year-old Jayden Ryan Wallace has been charged with first-degree vehicular homicide, which means he could face anywhere from three to 15 years in prison under Georgia law.



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In a statement reported by CNN, the teen said, "I pledge to live out the remainder of my life in a manner that honors the memory of Coach Hughes by exemplifying Christ. He will never be forgotten."

And Wallace's parents released the following statement:

We are a family in deep remorse and grieving over such a tremendous loss in our North Hall community. Jason Hughes meant the world to our son, Jayden. He took the time to

invest in Jay and poured his love into him, making a lasting impact. Along with the rest of our family, Jay expresses his deepest sorrow and sincerest apology to the Hughes family.

Hughes died Saturday night while trying to surprise five seniors who were putting toilet paper on trees at his home. These types of senior pranks are a tradition at North Hall High School, and teachers trying to catch the perpetrators is part of the fun. But as Wallace reportedly began to drive away in a pickup truck, "Hughes tripped and fell into the road and was run over," the sheriff's office said.

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