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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Recognizes Nate Galante as Norfolk County Hero

DEDHAM – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott announced today that ten-year-old Nate Galante of Dedham has been awarded the Norfolk County Heroes Award. Nate recently saved his mother, Sarah Galante, who has multiple sclerosis and was experiencing a pulmonary embolism, by texting his father to send for help. Because of Nate's actions, Sarah was able to get life-saving care quickly.

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott praised Nate, saying "Nate's quick thinking in crisis saved his mother and got her the care she desperately needed. Nate was able to recognize an emergency situation and knew that he needed to act quickly. His mother Sarah is alive today because of Nate's heroism."

When Nate noticed that Sarah was having trouble breathing, he immediately texted his father for help. Moments later, Sarah collapsed from oxygen deprivation. Doctors who treated her found out that she was suffering from blood clots which required open-heart surgery. She was placed in a medically-induced coma and is currently recovering in a rehabilitation center. A GoFundMe page has been set up for those interested in donating to help support her recovery. To donate, visit tinyurl.com/SarahGalante.

Nate's father, Michael Galante, says that he and Sarah consider Nate to be a true hero. "Nate was truly courageous that day. Despite his mother saying she didn't need help, he recognized that she was in an emergency and texted me. Nate's actions saved his mother's life, and we are both so very proud of him."

Nate will be presented with a citation from Sheriff McDermott at a ceremony to be held later this year because of COVID-19 precautions. He will also be featured on the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office website's Norfolk County Heroes page alongside other recipients of the award.

The Norfolk County Heroes program was created earlier this year to recognize acts of heroism, community building, and public service by residents of Norfolk County. To nominate someone for the Norfolk County Heroes Award, visit <https://www.norfolksheriff.com/norfolkcountyheroes>.

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