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Dear AFD,

I just want to send a note of thanks to your staff, especially the firefighters that extinguished the vehicular arson that was set in my driveway at 18 Reynolds Road early Saturday morning January 12, 2019, The flames were nearing my house and second vehicle in the driveway. Here is a video of the fire and the excellent work done by the first responders- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqWGAdiKU48#action=share

I know that to the rest of the world this loss was just a 2003 Toyota Celica, but for me it was a physical, mechanical link to my two sons, twins Finn and Avery. My boys live with their mother in Raleigh and once a month they come to Asheville to be with me. We meet in Winston-Salem so each visit the boys have in their Asheville home requires me to drive to and from W-S to pick them up, and again to drop them off. That's 600 miles for each visit. I drive over 10,000 miles a year just to accomplish the "errand" of picking up my kids. I bought that car just to make the trip as my 1996 Toyota T-100 work truck can't make the trip.

The boys were 7 when I bought the car in August of 2017. After borrowing vehicles for a couple years I was finally able to buy a car that was perfect for the three of us. A small car with excellent gas mileage. It was a symbol of my life being put back together. It was the first car I ever had, previously I only had workÂ trucks and a minivan my parents bought to taxi our 3 kids around. It was a small bit of joy for me having a 6-speed manual with bold yellow paint job. Yes, a bit of midlife crisis that mixed well with two boys who got to ride around in a car similar those in their Hot-wheels collection. My boys were born in August. They are Leo's (astrological sign) and they tumble and roll just like little lion cubs. They are my cubs. The license plate was a tribute to them- 2LEOCUBS.

Scratched in the driver's side door of the car were the words "LEAVE HER ALONE". This was discovered after the flames went out. There was only one person who could have been the "HER" (it's not my ex-wife). That "HER" feels that she was the one for which that this act of vigilante justice was committed, and we both know that she had no reason to be recipient of this sick act of "chivalry". She, my other neighbors, girlfriend, and myself are now living in fear. We understand that arson can be easier to determine than who the arsonist was, but hopefully the sick person who did this will be brought to justice.While I (we) have been traumatized by this cowardly act, we are grateful for the courage of the firefighters that risked their own safety to put out this fire and prevent it from burning down the home of Finn and Avery Wainscott- my cubs.

Thank you again.

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