



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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July 29, 2010

### LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE TO PEDESTRIAN

*Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Chuck Coffin, reports as follows:*

This report involves the assistance of Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Special Agent Chuck Coffin as a law enforcement officer to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle.

The OIG is defined as a law enforcement agency with specified law enforcement authority. IC 35-41-1-17.

As such, OIG Special Agent Coffin was returning to his vehicle in a parking lot when he heard a male individual yell "Whoa! Stop! Stop! Look out!" Special Agent Coffin simultaneously witnessed a small compact car back slowly out of a parking space and strike a disabled male who was using a walker. The car's left rear bumper struck the man who tumbled backward onto the ground as his walker fell over. The car stopped very quickly.

Special Agent immediately ran and knelt beside the man, identified myself as a police officer, and asked if he was injured. The man seemed mildly shaken by the event and remarked that he didn't think so, but he didn't know. Special Agent Coffin sent a

passerby into a store to summon assistance and then asked the man his name.

He verbally identified himself. When specifically asked, he said he didn't need an ambulance.

Special Agent Coffin performed a first responder body scan beginning at the top of the man's head and ending with his feet. The pupils of the man's eyes were identical in shape, and his eyes followed the fingertip movement. He also spoke coherently as he replied to the following questions asked. The man's only physical complaint was he thought he had bumped the back of his head and his right elbow, and fortunately he only had minor discomfort.

The gentleman was assisted to a car to relax, at which time he again declined medical assistance as a security officer from a nearby store arrived to also assist the man. Accordingly, Special Agent Coffin took no further action and left the scene.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.



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David O. Thomas, Inspector General