

'Grandpa' gives life to save boy, 4

LOUISVILLE [AP] — Four-year-old Stevie Oliver, riding his bike along the residential street, didn't see the car. Frank Dohrmann, known to the kids on the block as "Grandpa," did see it—and gave his life to save his young friend.

"He heard the neighbors holler, 'Stevie, Stevie, Stevie.' He knew Stevie was coming across the street," said the boy's mother, Cynthia.

Dohrmann, 83, according to neighbors, rushed off his porch and pushed Stevie out of the path of the oncoming car. There was a squeal of brakes.

"All I could think was that Stevie got run over," said Mrs. Oliver. "Then I saw his little white head. I was afraid to turn around and look. I thought it was one of the kids."

Instead, it was "Grandpa" Dohrmann who had been hit. He died a few minutes later. Witnesses told police the car left the scene.

LATER SATURDAY night, Jefferson County police arrested Mickey P. Trusty, 20, of Louisville. He was released pending a hearing set for Oct. 12.

Dohrmann, who had retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, lived with his daughter, Mrs. John Cowley.

It was from his familiar vantage point on the Cowley front porch that Dohrmann heard the neighbors yelling to warn Stevie of the approaching car.

"When he heard the name 'Stevie,' they [neighbors] said he took off down the driveway," Mrs. Cowley said.

Said Mrs. Oliver: "He was a sweet man to have around the neighborhood. He loved all the children. They took him in as a grandfather.

"Stevie would say, 'I'm going over to talk to Frank. Me and him is buddies.'"

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