

Double Dip

2009 Darwin Award Nominee - Confirmed True by Darwin

Greensboro was inundated with four inches of pouring rain in two hours, stranding several cars on flooded roads. Rosanne, was not deterred. She hopped on her moped and drove to a convenience store where she "possibly had a beer," according to her mother, before deciding to blunder home through the storm. She phoned home to say, "My moped has two rubber wheels, Mom, I'll be fine." North Carolina does not require a license to own a moped. Rosanne had acquired hers two years previously after a DUI (Driving Under the Influence) conviction.

The Highway Patrol had blocked off several roads that were inundated with water, including Rosanne's path home. But she rode right past the officer and the barriers, lost control of her vehicle, and fell into the creek below. The officer got some rope from his vehicle and started to haul her from the water.



He then interviewed the woman, probably asking about her motivation for speeding through a roadblock during a big flood. When the officer returned to his patrol car to call for assistance, Rosanne took the opportunity to escape - by jumping back into the creek!

The officer tried to rescue her again, but, it was too late.

The victim's mother speculated that her daughter's motivation for jumping into a flooded creek was to rescue her drowning moped. "She loved that thing."

Words:

inundated	=	översvämmad	license	=	körkort	assistance	=	assistans, hjälp
stranding	=	lämnade, strandsatte	previously	=	tidigare	opportunity	=	chans, möjlighet
deterred	=	avskräckt	conviction	=	fällande dom	escape	=	fly, rymma, undgå
convenience store	=	närbutik	barriers	=	barriärer	creek	=	å, bäck
according to	=	enligt	vehicle	=	fordon	rescue	=	rädda
blunder	=	famla, drulla	haul	=	dra	victim	=	offret
require	=	kräver	returned	=	kom tillbaka			