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Teen to surprise officer who saved his life tomorrow

A teenager who suffered serious injuries in a car accident last summer will surprise the officer he credits with saving his life Thursday.

Da Nearle Clarke, 19, and his family will be at Metro Patrol Division, 7601 Prospect Ave., at 3 p.m. July 19 to thank Officer Sebastien Hanriot for what he did on June 4, 2011, when Clarke crashed and was ejected from his car. Officer Hanriot has not seen Clarke since the day of the accident, and he only knows that a resident wants to thank him for something he has done.

Clarke now is a summer intern in KCPD's Community Support Division. As soon as he came onto the department last month, he began asking how he could find out who the officer was who saved him. On June 4, 2011, Clarke lost control of his vehicle on 63rd Street near Hardesty. The car rolled three times, ejecting Clarke, who was then 18 years old.

Officer Hanriot was responding to another call when he saw the accident occur in front of him. He saw Clarke lying on the side of the road, unconscious. He had an injured arm and blood coming from the back of his head. Officer Hanriot performed a sternum rub, bringing the teen back to consciousness. He then stabilized Clarke until paramedics could arrive. Once they did, Officer Hanriot went to the hospital to keep tabs on Clarke's condition.

Clarke said he remembers little of what took place that day, but he credits Officer Hanriot with being the first on the scene to care for him and save his life. Clarke said he and his family really wanted to meet the officer and surprise him. His coworkers in the Community Support Division were able to research police reports, find out who the officer was and arrange tomorrow's surprise reunion.

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