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Police have a right to protection

I am willing to bet that a good portion of the St. Cloud community has seen a burgundy colored vehicle with lime green paper signs taped to its trunk and bumper around town. The signs mention a Web site called www.injusticeunveiled.com and something about their mentally ill son being almost shot by the St. Cloud Police. They forgot to mention an important fact. The reason that a St. Cloud Police Officer drew a gun on their son, who is a paranoid schizophrenic, is because he stabbed the officer in the face with a pen.

These people seem to believe that their son should be allowed to run free around town as long as he is heavily medicated. They also apparently believe that because their son is mentally ill, he should be able to stab people without facing any consequences. Here is a direct quote from their Web site, "Totally shocked by almost witnessing the shooting of our son and not one of these many officers and paramedics came over to see how we were. They were only concerned with the small mark on the officer's face." Who cares how they were! Their son wasn't hurt and they weren't stabbed in the face! The stab wound on the officer's face was 1/4 inches in length and required seven stitches to close. That doesn't really sound like a "small mark" to me.

Let's be frank here, kids. Mentally ill people are basically defective human beings. They cannot function in normal society. This man should have been committed to a hospital the minute that he was diagnosed. It only takes one time for a mentally ill patient to forget his or her medication, and the next day you find your neighbor's head in your mailbox.

It is not part of a police officer's job to be maimed, stabbed, shot or killed. It is a potential hazard of the job, but not a requirement. This man's parents seem to believe that the police officer should have brushed off the stabbing like it was a paper cut. You should never touch any law enforcement officer for any reason unless you want to be thrown on the ground, pepper-sprayed, cuffed, tazed or shot. They have a right to protect themselves from normal and crazy people