

Heartbroken 87-Year-Old Veteran and Cancer Patient Searches for 'Lucky' Dog Stolen in Shocking Multi-State Carjacking

Stolen in Pennsylvania: A Senior Veteran's Beloved Dog is Taken in Carjacking with Suspect Caught in North Carolina, but a Desperate Cross-Country Search for the Airedale Terrier Mix, Lucky, Urgently Continues



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Heartbroken 87-Year-Old Veteran's Dog Stolen in Carjacking Spanning Multiple States-- Help Bring Lucky Home!

Nash County, NC / Pittsburgh, PA, October 2, 2024 -- An emotional plea has been made by 87-year-old veteran Willard Martz, who is battling cancer and desperately seeking the return of his beloved dog, Lucky. The 10-year-old male Airedale Terrier mix was stolen during a carjacking at a Tractor Supply store in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, right outside of Pittsburgh on September 23, 2024. Lucky was not just a companion—he was one of Mr. Martz's last connections to his late son.

The suspect, Kenneth Crider, was arrested after a high-speed chase in North Carolina on September 28, 2024. Crider claims he released Lucky at a rest stop somewhere between Myrtle Beach, SC, and Nash County, NC, but the exact location remains unconfirmed. There have been possible sightings of Lucky near Selma, NC and Nashville, NC, as well as reports that he was seen last week at a Walmart in Connellsville, PA.

Lucky could be anywhere, and authorities are urging the public to remain vigilant. He is a dark-colored, medium-sized male dog, wearing a black collar with a flea collar zip-tied to it, and he is microchipped. Lucky may or may not have a red leash.

Mr. Martz's only hope is to have his buddy Lucky safely returned. **There is a \$5,000 reward for Lucky's safe return.** Anyone with information is urged to contact the family's spokesperson, Linda, at 412-298-8611, the Nash County Sheriff's Office at 252-459-4121, or the Pennsylvania State Police at 1-800-4PA-TIPS.

Please help spread the word by sharing this story. Lucky is out there, scared and alone, potentially in hazardous post-hurricane weather. Let's hope his 'lucky' name is fitting, so we can bring him home safe, healthy, and alive.

Correction: Earlier reports stated Lucky is female. This is incorrect—Lucky is a male dog.

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These are in addition to well reports that he was seen on 9/23 at a Walmart in Connellsville, PA.

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He is a scruffy, dark-colored, medium-to-large sized male dog, wearing a black collar with a flea collar zip-tied to it, and he is microchipped. Lucky may or may not have a red leash, and was reported to weigh around 55 pounds or so.

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You can also contact the [Nash County Sheriff's Office](#) at 252-459-4121, or the Pennsylvania State Police at 1-800-4PA-TIPS. There is a public Facebook group called '[Bring Lucky Home to PA](#)' that you can also join for updates or to share tips.

Please help spread the word by sharing and covering this story, printing and handing out flyers, organizing search parties, calling animal shelters and animal control in your area, or donating a billboard.

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