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Knock on a door helps save a life Man going door-to-door finds injured woman, 89

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LORAIN -- A man representing Jehovah's Witnesses, who was knocking on doors yesterday afternoon, helped save the life of an 89-year-old Lorain woman, according to police.

The man discovered an injured woman crying for help inside her home, police said.

Donald Long, 64, of Lorain, was knocking on doors on Regina Avenue shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

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"She was my third door," Long said. "I knocked and heard some low talking, mumbling. I thought she's probably telling me to go away. So I knocked again."

After several knocks, he continued to hear a voice, so Long looked in a front window.

"I looked in the big picture window, and she was on the floor, she was saying 'Help me,'" Long said.

He ran back down the street to a home he had previously visited, and asked a neighbor to call 911, Long said.

Police arrived and pried the door open, said Sgt. Roger Watkins, of the Lorain Police Department.

Watkins said the woman had been in her home, injured and immobilized, for several days.

She was taken to Community Regional Medical Center in Lorain, where she was listed in fair condition last evening, according to the hospital.

"I would credit Mr. Long's actions with possibly saving that woman's life," Watkins said. "Actions like that need to be recognized."

Long, who said he has been a Jehovah's Witness since 1989, said, "I just did as Jesus commanded people to do."

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