

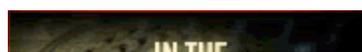
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William Arthur Bishop

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A Lone Wolf

The scene played out at The Swan Resort at Walt Disney World, the last place anyone should feel in danger. But unfortunately, police say places like this are magnets for child molesters. Case in point, accused pedophile William Bishop.

Cops say that when Bishop showed up at the resort on April 27, 2007, he was up to no good. But Bishop blended in with the crowd; most witnesses thought he was just some grandfather, vacationing with his family like everyone else. And while Bishop might have been able to fool most of the crowd, there were some vacationers who sensed that something was wrong.

According to Dave Silva, a father who was staying at the resort with his family, Bishop blended in, but something wasn't right. Dave's son, David, agreed. There was just something off with the 61-year-old Bishop. The Silvas kept an eye on Bishop, looking for any interactions he might have had with others, but there were none. Bishop appeared to be alone, hanging around the perimeter of the resort's pool like a wolf stalking a herd of sheep.

A Slippery Slide

The Silvas were enjoying some down time at the Swan Resort's pool, and David's little sister and her friend were having a blast as they went up and down a pool slide, supervised by big brother David while the girls' fathers caught them in the pool.

But, on one trip up the slide, the girls ran ahead of David. When David caught up with them, he saw Bishop kneeling by the girls, asking them questions about where their parents were and if they were alone. David knew these were inappropriate questions, and he immediately interrupted the



Police say William Bishop met his match in an 11 year old boy.
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The Silva family go on vacation to Florida every year.
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conversation, telling the girls to head down the slide. David says Bishop gave him a nasty look, obviously unhappy a little boy chased away his prey.

David went down the slide and notified his father. They decided to keep an eye trained on Bishop for the rest of the day. David had a hunch he was up to no good.

Around 1:30 p.m., David watched as Bishop talked to a young girl and led her away, behind a building on the resort property and into a wooded area. David crept towards the area where he saw Bishop disappear with the girl, and what he saw next would rock the whole resort.

Caught In The Act

Police say Bishop was groping the little girl while touching himself. David says Bishop had a camera in his free hand and was videotaping the whole thing. Bishop spotted David and started to flee the scene.

David ran back to his father and barely had to open his mouth. His face said it all. His father notified some lifeguards, who chased down the suspected pedophile and held Bishop until police arrived.

Police would learn Bishop has a long criminal history, including several crimes against children, including lewd exhibition and molestation. A search of his car would turn up, among other things, a gun. Dave Silva shudders at the thought of what Bishop's long-term plans may have been.

David Silva says he was just looking out for the other kids. He has two younger sisters, who are safer for having a brother like him around. It's important, especially in this day and age, that kids follow his example and speak up when they see something suspicious. Who knows how many children David saved by helping catch a predator dead in his tracks.



David Silva is a protective big brother who doesn't like someone messing with his sisters.

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