

Twelve-year-old Sean Redden from Denton, Texas, was playing a cyber fantasy world game when he encountered a message from someone claiming to be a Finnish business student locked in her college's computer lab. The woman said she was having an asthma attack and couldn't breathe. Redden, unsure if it was a game prank, decided it was "too real to be a joke" and called the police. With the assistance of international phone operators, Finnish paramedics located 20-year-old Tara Laintinen and provided her with the necessary medical attention. The Internet and the actions of a 12-year-old boy from a distant country potentially saved Laintinen's life.