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The bags were loaded with cash.(Shutterstock)

Money doesn't grow on trees, but apparently it grows on the roads of Virginia.

At least, that seemed to be the case for a family out for a drive in their pickup truck on Saturday afternoon. [According to WTVR in Richmond](#), when the Schantz family was cruising on the road, they saw the car in front of them swerve to avoid a bag. They ran over that bag, saw another one 15 feet away, and loaded them both into the truck.

Though they thought they were just picking up worthless trash, the actual contents of the bags were anything but. Together, they contained almost a million dollars in cold hard cash.

“Inside of the bag, there were plastic baggies and they were addressed with something that said ‘cash vault,’” [Emily Schantz said](#).

The Schantzes did the honorable thing with the money, alerting the police instead of trying to keep it. Deputies believe that the money was possibly traveling from the postal service to the bank, but they don't know how it ended up on the road. They were very grateful, however, that it had been recovered by good people.

“For someone so honest and willing to give that almost a million dollars back, it's exceptional on their part,” [said Maj. Scott Moser of the Caroline County Sheriff's Office](#).  
“We are proud and they represented this county well by being so honest.”



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