You Tube video saved the radio star

Fill in the gaps. Use the present perfect (has had, has been, has lived) Watch the video on You Tube. Write your opinion with at least 2-3 sentences. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rPFvLUWkzs

A homeless man who ________________ on the streets of Cleveland, USA for years, ____________ to fame, after a clip of his mellifluous radio voice went viral on the Internet. Ted Williams was filmed by a local cameraman, holding a cardboard sign that read: “I’m an ex-radio announcer who ____________ on hard times”. Williams is seen in the video asking for money in exchange for a quick blast of his “God-given voice”. Now that the video ____________ millions of hits on YouTube, Williams, ________________ an overnight sensation.

He ________________ today appearing on talk shows across America, sporting a new haircut and a smarter appearance than on the clip that made him famous.

Since his story broke, he ________________ numerous job offers from big broadcasting names including ESPN, MTV, ABC, CBS and CNN and The Cleveland Cavaliers.

Williams ________________ on the streets for years and ________________ with drug and alcohol addiction for years.

The story of the “homeless man with the golden pipes” ________________ the spirits of a recession-hit nation in the week that it ________________ to work after the Christmas holidays. However, the instant hero ________________ so much attention that reporters ________________ digging into his background and they ________________ that Williams ________________ with drug and alcohol addiction for years and ________________ the self-destruct button previously in his life.

Asked if the media storm around him may cause him to relapse into addiction, he said, “I’m going to meetings and I ________________ my sponsor.”

Accusations ______ also ________________ that Williams acted as a pimp during his years on the streets.

In response, Williams said, “Don’t judge a book by its cover – everyone has their own little story. I’m just so thankful. God ________________ me deeply. I’m getting a second chance. Amazing.”

There are fears though that Williams will not be able to cope with his new status as an instant hero. They say that he will be a flash in the pan; and his fairytale story is being used by the media to reinforce American Dream propaganda; at a time when America is in serious economic difficulties and the gap between the rich and poor is rapidly increasing.