



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

*Courageous
Citizen Awards
Ceremony*

Friday, October 5, 2018

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

SYLVIA REYNA

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Nicole Venegas

Sylvia Reyna was standing outside her car eating tacos at a food truck in Bassett on June 10. Her four young children were inside the vehicle, when a man approached, startling them. He displayed what he said was a police badge and showed Ms. Reyna what looked like a handgun. When Ms. Reyna saw the weapon, she feared that she or her family would be harmed. To distract the man, she offered him a taco. While he ate, Ms. Reyna slowly walked toward a group of people gathered in front of the food truck and told them that the man had a gun. The police were called and the man was arrested.

JENNY UNGER, ALEXANDRA PLASCENCIA AND VERONICA GONZALEZ

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Irene Lee

During rush hour traffic on Oct. 5, 2017, a 3-year-old boy was walking alone on the right shoulder of an on-ramp to the south 101 Freeway in Echo Park, when three drivers noticed him and stopped to get him out of harm's way. Jenny Unger, Alexandra Plascencia and Veronica Gonzalez saved the toddler from entering the dangerous freeway traffic. The child was wearing only a soiled diaper. Ms. Gonzalez called police. They waited with the boy, giving him water, wrapping him in a blanket and holding him, until authorities arrived.

JOSHUA ANDERSON

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Keri Knittel

Joshua Anderson was visiting a co-worker's home in Palmdale on Feb. 7, 2016, when he borrowed the man's mobile phone and discovered videos containing child pornography on it. Upon seeing the disturbing images, Mr. Anderson left the home and took the phone with him. The phone's owner confronted Mr. Anderson and threatened to beat him. Yet, Mr. Anderson refused to return the phone and brought it to authorities. Soon after, police arrested the man and located the woman he had instructed to send him the pornographic videos of her 3-year-old son.