



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Friday, October 6, 2017

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

FRANCISCO SORIA DIAZ

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Margaret Moe

A 55-year-old woman was waiting at a Vernon bus stop in early August when a man suddenly approached and tried to steal her purse. The woman held on to her handbag as the assailant dragged her nearly 50 feet. When the woman did not surrender her purse, the mugger gave up and started to run away. Francisco Soria Diaz got out of his work truck when he witnessed the attempted robbery, chased the attacker and held him on the ground until police arrived.

DOUGLAS RANDAZZO

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Tamara Cool

A woman was walking through a Santa Monica alleyway on June 12, when a stranger violently kicked her 10-pound dog, Teddy. When confronted, the 38-year-old man yelled obscenities and threatened to fight her. Douglas Randazzo was working at a construction site overlooking the alley. He directed others at the site to call police and stop the woman to get her information. Mr. Randazzo followed the man for several blocks, even getting onto a bus. He ordered the man to get off the bus and then continued to track him until police arrived and detained the man.

TIMOTEO SALOMÓN EVORA VIGIL

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Shannon Cooley

On Sept. 19, 2015, a husband impersonating his wife on social media lured one of her male friends to their Lynwood home and fatally shot him. The man hid the body in the victim's car and abandoned the vehicle in San Bernardino. The next day, a fire was set at the 34-year-old assailant's house, allegedly to cover up the crime scene. When Timoteo Salomón Evora Vigil learned of his older brother's violent death, he logged on to his brother's social media account and found the messages from the assailant. Timoteo gave the information to police, helping to solve his brother's murder and providing key prosecution evidence in the trial.