



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

REBECCA MADRIGAL

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Lucrecia Boado

On June 1, 2015, a woman was securing her baby in a car seat in a Gardena bank parking lot when she heard a car horn. The woman looked up and spotted a man in his car waiting for the parking space next to her. Seconds later, the man got out of his vehicle, yelled at the woman and then punched her in the head, ribs and back. The assailant continued his attack by kicking the victim as she lay on the ground. Near the scene of the assault, Ms. Madrigal raced to the suspect and yelled, "Hey, what's your problem?" Without a word, the attacker returned to his car. Ms. Madrigal, realizing the woman was still in harm's way, quickly dragged the injured woman out of the path of the car as the assailant proceeded to park in the empty space, where the victim had fallen. Police were called and the suspect was taken into custody.

PATRICK CONNELL

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley

A 13-year-old boy was eating at a Long Beach restaurant with his family on March 2, 2016, when he left the table to use the restroom. As the boy washed his hands in the sink, a man suddenly approached him from behind and put him in a chokehold. The assailant then dragged the boy toward a bathroom stall. As Mr. Connell entered the restroom, he saw the attacker pulling the boy, who was gasping for air and extending his arms for help. Immediately, Mr. Connell pushed the assailant to the wall, grabbed the boy and exclaimed, "He's coming with me!" Mr. Connell returned the boy to his family's table and told them what occurred. The victim's family members dashed to the restroom and detained the assailant until police arrived.

MICHAEL COLLIER AND SYLVESTER JUNE BOARD III

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Simone Shay

Mr. Collier went to Long Beach with a friend and her 17-year-old brother on April 29, 2017. As the trio relaxed on the beach, four teenagers approached the 17-year-old. Mr. Collier overheard the teenagers ask his friend's brother where he was from and then challenge him to a fight. Mr. Collier intervened and stated that neither he nor the teen belonged to a gang. The young teenagers then stabbed Mr. Collier multiple times as they yelled racial epithets and spit on him. Mr. Board was in the water when he saw the young men surround Mr. Collier. Once the attack began, Mr. Board returned to shore and shouted that he was calling the police. Mr. Board remained with Mr. Collier until authorities arrived and then helped them apprehend the teenage assailants.