



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena

AWARD RECIPIENTS

ANGELICA HERNANDEZ, SERGIO HERNANDEZ AND JAVIER HERNANDEZ

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Presciliano Duran

On May 17, 2015, a drunken man demanded that his wife leave their Duarte home. He grabbed the woman by her hair and dragged her into the street. Sergio Hernandez heard the cries. He told his sister Angelica to call police. As she telephoned 911, her younger brother Javier joined Sergio. The brothers ran after the man, who was hitting the woman with a belt. Sergio, without concern for his safety, pushed man away from his wife. The man struck Sergio, who returned a punch. The man then tried to hit back but missed. Sergio punched the man again, giving the woman time to escape. During the fight, the man attempted to flee. But Javier tackled him and Sergio pinned him down. The man struggled with the brothers and bit Sergio's arm. Coming to her brother's aid, Angelica shoved the man's head away from Sergio. The Hernandez siblings detained the defendant until authorities arrived. They also testified against the man during a jury trial, sparking him to change his

NANCY ARROWSMITH-HART AND TREVOR HART

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Michael Blake

Nancy Arrowsmith-Hart and Trevor Hart were at home in Lancaster on Oct. 5, 2016, when a man approached their house and talked his way in. The man told them he had been robbed and needed medical help. Once inside, the man held the siblings at knife-point. Unbeknownst to them, the man was wanted in connection with the shooting death of a sheriff's deputy. Inside the house, the family's dog barked continuously, making the man uneasy. To calm his captor, Trevor suggested moving the pet to another area of the house. He deliberately locked the dog in a room where guns were stored, preventing the man from acquiring more weapons. Meanwhile, Nancy secretly texted her mother, who alerted deputies about the suspected shooter's location. Soon after, authorities arrived, forcing the man out of the house and arresting him.