



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena

AWARD RECIPIENTS

FRANK BAÑUELOS

Presented by Assistant Head Deputy District Attorney Annette Peterson

A pickup truck owned by Frank Bañuelos' gardener was stolen in Pasadena last December. The theft was made worse because all of the man's work tools were inside the stolen vehicle. A few weeks later, on Jan. 19, the victim, while working at Mr. Bañuelos' home, saw someone drive by in his truck. The victim told Mr. Bañuelos, who immediately called police and ran to his vehicle to pursue the stolen vehicle. Mr. Bañuelos, an off-duty Los Angeles police officer, stayed on the phone with Pasadena police officers, notifying them of the suspect's location, until they arrived and arrested the suspect.

TRACY RICHARDSON

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Megee

On June 2, 2016, Tracy Richardson saw a man yelling and cursing at his dog and then use a chain wrapped around the animal's neck to lift the dog and slam it against a metal gate. Ms. Richardson immediately called 911 and began following the man as he walked his dog through Silver Lake. She watched the man lift the dog a few more times, slamming it against a tree, a metal traffic light pole and other objects, and then punch it. Ms. Richardson followed the man until she saw him tie up the dog and walk away. She ran to check the dog's well-being as police arrived and arrested the man.

LEO RICHARD ANICUA

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Carolina Lugo

A 78-year-old man sexually assaulted a 10-year-old relative as they waited for the girl's mother in a parked car outside a Burbank supermarket on Oct. 4, 2015. Then-12-year-old Leo Anicua was in the next vehicle, waiting for his mother. The boy witnessed the assault and wrote down the vehicle's license plate number. When his mother returned, the boy told her what he saw, and they drove to a police station to report the crime. Based on the information the boy provided, including a description of the girl's clothing, police officers located and arrested the man.