



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena

AWARD RECIPIENTS

ROCHELLE FLOYD

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Frances Young

A man who suffers from paranoid schizophrenia went to Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar on Easter Sunday 2014 and made several attempts to persuade someone to shoot and kill him. He called 911 and reported he had a gun and planned to shoot people. Police confronted him and learned he had a knife. The man entered the hospital, grabbed a 61-year-old nurse and stabbed her multiple times. Ms. Floyd, a supervising nurse, sounded emergency alarms and found the assailant on top of the woman. Ms. Floyd saved her colleague by grabbing the hood of the man's jacket and dragging him off the nurse. Officers subdued him.

SCOTT ANGEL AQUINO, EDDIE HARRIS AND RICHARD MASON JR.

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Percy Duran

On March 3, 2015, an Alhambra woman was walking to her residence when she was approached by a man. He questioned her about the time, who she lived with and other things. She tried to get him to leave her alone, but he grabbed her and spun her to the ground. She struggled with the man. Mr. Aquino, Mr. Harris and Mr. Mason heard the woman's screams and responded. They found her being attacked, grabbed the man, engaged in a brief struggle, subdued him and saved the woman. The men detained the assailant until police arrived.

LUZ MARIA TORRES

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer

Ms. Torres was driving on Sierra Highway in Newhall on Nov. 12, 2014, and saw a man talking to a 13-year-old girl. Ms. Torres sensed that the girl did not want to be with the man. Ms. Torres saw the defendant grab the child by the arm and pull her toward him. Ms. Torres honked her horn to get the man to stop. The victim pulled her arm away, and Ms. Torres told the girl to run away. Ms. Torres called 911 and followed the man until deputies arrived and took him into custody.