



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

KRISANTO PARAGAS

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Alexandra Campbell

On Sept. 28, 2016, a man drove to a cul-de-sac in East Los Angeles, took his dog, Mary Jane, out of his vehicle and threw her down a ravine. A neighbor saw what happened and alerted his son-in-law, Krisanto Paragas, who went outside to try to locate the dog. Mr. Paragas found the dog about 20 feet down the ravine, shaking, scared and untrusting, and rescued him. The suspect returned to the scene and demanded his dog. Mr. Paragas refused and warned the suspect that police had been called. The man drove away, and Mr. Paragas took the dog to his house. He also reviewed his home surveillance video and gave it to authorities, resulting in the defendant's arrest.

MARK AYALA, BRENT GLONCHAK AND HEIDI MANZANARES

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Amy Suehiro

A man stalked his ex-girlfriend as she left a party in Whittier on Aug. 28, 2016. As the woman attempted to walk away, the man threw her to the ground and pulled out a box-cutter while on top of her. Los Angeles County firefighters Brent Glonchak and Heidi Manzanares were on an unrelated call nearby and saw what happened. Mr. Glonchak tackled the man. Neighbor Mark Ayala also ran to the woman's aid. He put the suspect in a headlock. Mr. Ayala, Mr. Glonchak and Ms. Manzanares sat on the man and restrained him using bandages until police arrived.

STEVE OSEAS

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Maria Ghobadi

On Dec. 21, 2016, Steve Oseas, a manager at a wood yard in West Los Angeles, was watching a live-feed surveillance video when he noticed a man attacking a woman in the alley outside of the business. Mr. Oseas leapt from his desk to help the victim. The suspect ran when he saw Mr. Oseas, who gave chase until he caught the man. Both men struggled and fell to the ground as the defendant punched and elbowed Mr. Oseas, who broke two ribs in the altercation. Despite his injuries, Mr. Oseas held down the suspect until police arrived.