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On Friday May 14th, 2010 at approximately 1230 a.m. officers were dispatched to 127 Chavez Lane in reference to a female who called dispatch telling them she was suicidal and armed with a 22 caliber rifle. Officer Charles Files arrived first and gave other responding officers directions where he wanted them to position themselves in order to stage a safe perimeter.

Officer Files then got on his PA system, identified himself as a Los Lunas police officer and began to give the female verbal commands to come out with her hands up in the air. Files repeatedly identified himself as a police officer and that he wanted her to come out so he could talk to her.

The female then exited her residence walking rapidly toward officer Files. She was carrying a rifle on the right side of her person next to her right leg. Suddenly Officer Files commanded her to “drop the weapon, drop the weapon”. As she was raising the rifle in a northward direction towards officer Files, he discharged three rounds towards her but missed about the same time she turned sideways.



About this time, Sgt. Archie Romero approached the subject from the Southwest, and fired his taser, but also missed. He then proceeded to come up from her blind side and performed a drive stun to her back with his taser for one second which forced her to fall to the ground. She was found to have no wounds on her body and was immediately cuffed to secure the scene. The Female received medical attention and was transported to a facility for an evaluation.

During this incident, Officer’s Charles Files and Sgt. Archie Romero communicated and worked together to bring this potentially deadly encounter to a successful conclusion. The courage and self-sacrifice displayed by both officers while facing personal danger is worthy of recognition.

It is with credit upon themselves and the department that Officer Files and Sgt. Romero receive the Medal of Commendation for their actions on this incident.



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On Sunday August 15th, 2010 at about 5:15pm, officers were sent to Blaylock Lane in reference to shots being fired. Officers had knowledge that the suspect came out of the mobile home, fired several shots into the air and retreated back inside the residence. They also had information that the subjects were playing loud music and drinking, possibly intoxicated.

Officers approached the mobile home setting up a perimeter in order to cover all areas so they could have visual in case anyone exited and attempted to leave. Officer Santiago Beyal exited his unit and approached the north door to the residence. Positioning himself at the bottom of the steps, he identified himself as a police officer numerous times and ordered all inside to walk towards his voice with their hands up. One male subject complied, walked out and was taken into protective custody by Officer Denise Walker.

The male in custody said there was another individual in the home by the name of Michael. Officer Beyal again identified himself as a police officer and shouted several more commands to exit the residence with his hands up where he could see them.

After a short while, officers heard Officer Beyal shout "drop your weapon, drop your weapon." Beyal acted accordingly when he noticed the suspect walking towards his position and pointing a handgun towards his person. It was then that officer Beyal fired his weapon hitting the male subject once in the lower abdomen which stopped the threat. Once secured, Officers discovered a black framed semi-automatic handgun next to the suspect.

During this incident, Officer Beyal displayed unselfishness and courage when faced with an immediate threat to himself and other officers. His quick actions in the face of danger displayed his professionalism and clear thinking that is to be commended.

Therefore, it is with my greatest of confidence that Officer Beyal acted accordingly, stopping the threat and possibly saving the lives of fellow officers during this incident. Officer Beyal is to be awarded the merit award "Medal of Honor" for his actions this day.



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On Tuesday March 29th, 2011 at approximately 2:30pm, officers responded to 433 Longbow Loop in reference to a domestic disturbance in progress. Officers received information that the victim had escaped the physical assault and ran to her neighbors to call 911. Dispatch received information that the male suspect was possibly armed with a shotgun and a baseball bat.

Sgt. Robert Ferreyra, the supervisor on duty at this time, and while mobile, headed to Longbow Loop to assist, began contacting responding officers assigning them positions to take to surround the residence by setting up a safety perimeter. First to arrive were Officer's Jose Hernandez and Mark Gurule who were riding in one unit. Ferreyra told them to position themselves on South Longbow Loop and for Sgt. Rodney Jones to position his unit on North Longbow Loop.

Prior to Sgt. Ferreyra's arrival, Officer Hernandez saw the suspect exit his residence and head towards the carport where his vehicle was parked. Thinking he may enter his vehicle and leave the scene, and knowing he may have a weapon on his person, Hernandez exited his unit and began to approach the suspect on foot while verbally commanding him to remain where he was.

The suspect immediately turned around and pointed a handgun at Officer Hernandez. About this time, Sgt. Ferreyra drove up to the cul-de-sac in his SUV, noticed the level of threat by the suspect and immediately ordered Hernandez to use the SUV as a shield. As the suspect fired off a few rounds towards Hernandez and Ferreyra, Ferreyra backed up his unit from the cul-de-sac and grabbed his rifle off the rack in his unit. Ferreyra responded by firing rounds at the suspect hitting him once in the groin area which ended the threat. During this entire incident, Sgt. Ferreyra took command and displayed tremendous leadership in communicating with officers by directing them to handle this volatile situation in the safest manner possible. He arrived when the suspect was armed, recognized the threat and took immediate action to possibly save the life of other officers and innocent bystanders.

Therefore, it is with admiration and respect that Sgt. Robert Ferreyra be awarded the Law Enforcement "Medal of Honor". The Medal of Honor is awarded to its recipient that demonstrates unselfishness, courage and the immediate high risk of death or serious injury to themselves while trying to protect another officer or human being. Sgt. Ferreyra displayed the highest level of professionalism, competence, leadership and clear thinking throughout this dangerous situation.