



**H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARD
FOR VALOR**

JOHN THOMPSON
Santa Barbara Police Department

Officer John Thompson worked as an El Paso County Sheriff Deputy in Colorado for four years. He has been a Santa Barbara Police Department officer for seven years. Officer Thompson worked as a member of the Night Life Enforcement Team and is currently assigned to Patrol working as a Field Training Officer.

On May 13, 2007, Officers John Thompson and Craig Rullman, Beth Inglehart and Ryan DeJohn were dispatched to the Douglas Family Preserve on a report of a suicidal female. The caller told the officers that his wife was the suicidal subject and she intended to jump off the cliff. His wife had given up on life due to unrelenting pain from a past accident.

The officers looked over the side of the cliff and could see that a woman had jumped and her lifeless body was about 50 feet down the mountainside pinned against the cliff and a tree.

Officer Rullman maneuvered his way down to the severely injured woman and straddled her body to ensure she would fall no further. Officer Thompson followed Officer Rullman down the embankment and he watched over the safety of the woman and his partner until the injured woman was pulled off the mountain by fire and rescue personnel, an ordeal that lasted over 40 minutes.

Officers Thompson and Rullman acted in-a selfless and courageous manner. It is likely the suicidal female would have jumped from the cliff a second time had the two officers not been present to stop her.

For the heroic manner in which OFFICER JOHN THOMPSON acted, he is hereby awarded the "H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARD FOR VALOR."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 8th day of June, 2007.

Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR



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