



Milpitas Police Department

*Dennis Graham
Chief of Police*

PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney General Presents Certificate of Valor Award to Milpitas Officer

Dublin, CA - On November 16, 2011, CA State Attorney General Kamala Harris presented Milpitas Police Lieutenant Daryl Sequeira with the Certificate of Valor Award for his role in the capture of a suicidal home invasion suspect in February.

The suspect in this case used a ruse to gain entry into a woman's residence, held her at knife-point, bound and gagged her, then proceeded to rob her for over an hour. When the suspect left the residence momentarily, the victim was able to loosen the restraints and contact a family member describing what was occurring. Her pleas for help were then relayed to the Milpitas Police Department.

Lieutenant Sequeira, then a sergeant, along with several officers responded to the scene and soon spotted the suspect in the area. The suspect fled from officers, discarding several items. Officers chased the suspect to a park beginning a tense standoff. The suspect held a knife to his throat and threatened to harm himself. After unsuccessful negotiations, Sergeant Sequeira physically struggled with the suspect and eventually disarmed him. The suspect suffered a self-inflicted knife wound during the standoff. He was treated at a local hospital and booked into jail.

While all of the officers involved in this event are worthy of praise, Sergeant Sequeira went beyond the call of duty and risked his life after having had sufficient time to evaluate the risk. Sergeant Sequeira's actions that day prevented the suspect from causing further harm and suffering to the victim, and ensured the suspect was taken into custody to be held accountable for his terrible crimes.

The Certificate of Valor Award was presented to Lieutenant Sequeira during a regional ceremony at the Alameda County Sheriff's Department in Dublin.

By: Acting Commander Sandy Holliday
Date: November 17, 2011, 6:00 p.m.



Milpitas Police Chief Dennis Graham, State Attorney General Kamala Harris, and Milpitas Police Lieutenant Daryl Sequeira with the Certificate of Valor Award