



## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting** January 5, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Dominick Rivetti, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** Proclamation Honoring Officer Rodney Solorzano

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Officer Rodney Solorzano has been with the Beverly Hills Police Department for 7 months and is currently assigned to the Patrol Bureau. He is a lateral transfer from the Pasadena Police Department where he served for 12 years before coming over to BHPD.

### **DISCUSSION**

On November 28, 2015 at 0410 hours, Officer Solorzano located a suspicious vehicle parked in the area of Doheny Road and Hillcrest Road. Officer Solorzano contacted the two occupants. A consensual search of the vehicle yielded a cache of loaded, high power assault rifles and semi-automatic handguns. There were also numerous rounds of ammunition, tactical vests, trauma plates, gas masks and 30-round magazines. The male occupant was arrested and booked; the female occupant was identified and released. The arrestee stated he suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and paranoia. The circumstances surrounding the arrest were reported to the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

A follow up investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) revealed the suspect was affiliated with a militant group that operates in many cities across the US. The FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Stephen Woolery stated that this arrest prevented a potential catastrophe to human lives.

The case was presented to the District Attorney's Office for filing; five Felony counts were filed on the arrestee in this case. Furthermore, his bail was raised to \$1 million and a mental evaluation was ordered by the judge.

In addition, On December 21, 2015 at 0130 hours, Officer Solorzano and his partner observed two subjects in the 300 block south Elm/Rexford alley. As the officers approached on foot, they watched the subjects attempt to discard a metal

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“lock pick” by concealing it behind a utility pole. During an area search, they subsequently located a vehicle in the alley which had been burglarized and ransacked.

Further investigation lead to the discovery of two additional suspects, one of which was armed with a loaded semi-automatic handgun. All four suspects were taken into custody for a variety of charges including burglary, possession of a loaded gun, possession of burglary tools; receiving stolen property; possession of narcotics and forgery. The victim’s property was recovered and returned.

Based on these two examples, Officer Solorzano is an exemplary officer worthy of special recognition.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Officer Rodney Solorzano be presented with a Proclamation to acknowledge his exceptional efforts.



Lieutenant Mark Miner  
For Chief Dominick Rivetti

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