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DIXON POLICE OFFICERS TO RECEIVE LIFESAVING AWARD

On January 5, 2019, Sergeant Joe Strickland, Officer Gabe Hollingshead, and Officer Ken Warren received a call for a possible suicidal subject. The officers conducted a threat assessment and determined a credible suicidal threat had been made by a male. Officers, assisted by Solano County dispatchers, obtained cell site data for the subject and determined a possible area in Dixon he could be located.

Officers then conducted a methodical search of the area and located a male inside a vehicle on Gateway Drive in Dixon. Officers observed the male was sealed inside the vehicle and had a gas generator running in the backseat, filling the car with carbon monoxide.

Officers gained entry to the vehicle and found the male unconscious and barely breathing. They removed him from the car and provided life-sustaining support until medics could arrive. The male was transported for treatment and survived.

The subject wrote a letter to the officers, which stated in part:

I am the individual that the Officers pulled out of the car during my suicide attempt. I have sat here to write to you to say thank you and found myself rewriting this email several times. It is hard to put my feelings into words and find the correct words that can even come close to expressing my gratitude, regret, embarrassment and sorrow I feel...

I know I owe you my life, you are on a long list of individuals who went above and beyond to save a complete stranger...Through your actions and the actions of the department. I am here alive and writing you, I am here grateful I can walk, speak and are able to continue planning my life out. I fully owe that to you and the network of individuals who saved me.



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I can promise you that I am working with...mental health professionals and they are working to help me heal, to understand my actions, and prevent this from ever occurring again. I promise I will never forget what you did for me even though I have no recollection of the events. I feel a simple thank you is not enough but it is all I can offer at the moment, so thank you.

For their actions, Sgt. Strickland, Officer Hollingshead, and Officer Warren were nominated for and selected to receive a Chief's Commendation for Excellence. The officers will be honored at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 7:00 pm.



Sgt. Joe Strickland



Officer Gabe Hollingshead



Officer Ken Warren