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DA's Citizens of Courage Awards Honor Six for Their Extraordinary Bravery

San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis today honored six recipients with her office's annual Citizens of Courage Award during a luncheon at a downtown hotel as part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

"These individuals acted with great courage when confronted by a violent crime," DA Dumanis said. "Each of them has an inspiring and compelling story. Our office is proud to recognize them with these well-deserved awards."

This year's recipients were survivors of crime and good Samaritans who came to the aid of crime victims. Honored at the 19th annual ceremony in front of more than 200 guests, this year's Citizens of Courage recipients included:

Charles Wright: Rescued the victim of a roll-over collision on the freeway caused by a speeding, drunk driver, then testified against the defendant.

Abraham Macias: Fought back against two armed robbers during a crime spree that left eight people traumatized, he then testified in court.

Julian Cristo-Lucero: Protected the victim of a domestic violence altercation, was shot at by the attacker and later testified at trial.

Sean Allin: Came to the rescue of a boy who was being savagely beaten by a gang of assailants, despite the threat to his own safety.

Joseph Hake: Came to the aide of a woman who had been attacked by her boyfriend and was then beaten unconscious by the attacker.

Christine Hartline, The Animal Safehouse Program: This program at the Rancho Coastal Humane Society celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2007, providing protection for pets belonging to families embroiled in domestic violence.

Each recipient received a trophy from DA Dumanis, as well as proclamations from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders.

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