



Certificate of Commendation

Police Officer Michael Trani
Manhattan Beach Police Department
South Bay Police & Fire Memorial Foundation
Distinguished Service Award Recipient

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Whereas, upon arrival at the location, Officer Lynch began checking the area for anything suspicious. He and the other officers did not see or hear anything out of the ordinary, and could have cleared the call with an incident note, "unable to locate anything suspicious in the area"; and

Whereas, Officer Lynch did not clear the call and continued investigating. He reviewed surveillance video which showed a male entering an apartment in the 200 block of 39th Street in El Porto and located a potential witness who informed Officer Lynch that a young female lived alone in that apartment; and

Whereas, Officer Lynch conducted a security check at the apartment to check on the female's well being. After knocking on the front door, Officer Lynch heard a male's voice inside who threatened to kill himself with a knife he had in his hand; and

Whereas, Officer Lynch was now dealing with someone armed with a knife, possibly mentally unstable, and there may be a possible female hostage inside the apartment. Officer Lynch, an MBPD SWAT Officer, utilized his training and maintained a dialogue with the suspect through the closed door while coordinating a tactical response with other responding officers; and

Whereas, as Officers White and Trani arrived, Officer Lynch continued to talk with the suspect and convinced him to unlock and open the front door. He was able to get the suspect to put the knife down and persuaded him to step out of the apartment. At the same time, Officer White was standing next to the open door and put the suspect in handcuffs without any force. With the suspect detained, Officers Lynch and Trani quickly conducted a safety sweep of the apartment; and

Whereas, inside the master bedroom, the officers located the young female who was struggling to breathe. Her labored gasps and marks on her neck indicated she had been violently strangled. The victim was taken to the hospital in critical condition and spent several days recovering there from the brutal attack; and

Whereas, Officer Lynch's actions and thorough investigation interrupted and prevented a homicide. His careful dialogue with the suspect kept him from hurting himself or returning to kill the victim. He effectively negotiated with a homicidal suspect, which diminished the need for lethal confrontation. Officer Lynch developed enough rapport with the suspect that he voluntarily surrendered; and

Whereas, Officers Trani and White's actions at the scene took this dangerous and violent suspect into custody, then located the nearly unconscious and dying victim with just enough time to save her life; and

Whereas, the actions of these officers undoubtedly saved the victim's life and went above the normal call of duty.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the City Council, on behalf of the residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby award this commendation to

Police Officer Michael Trani

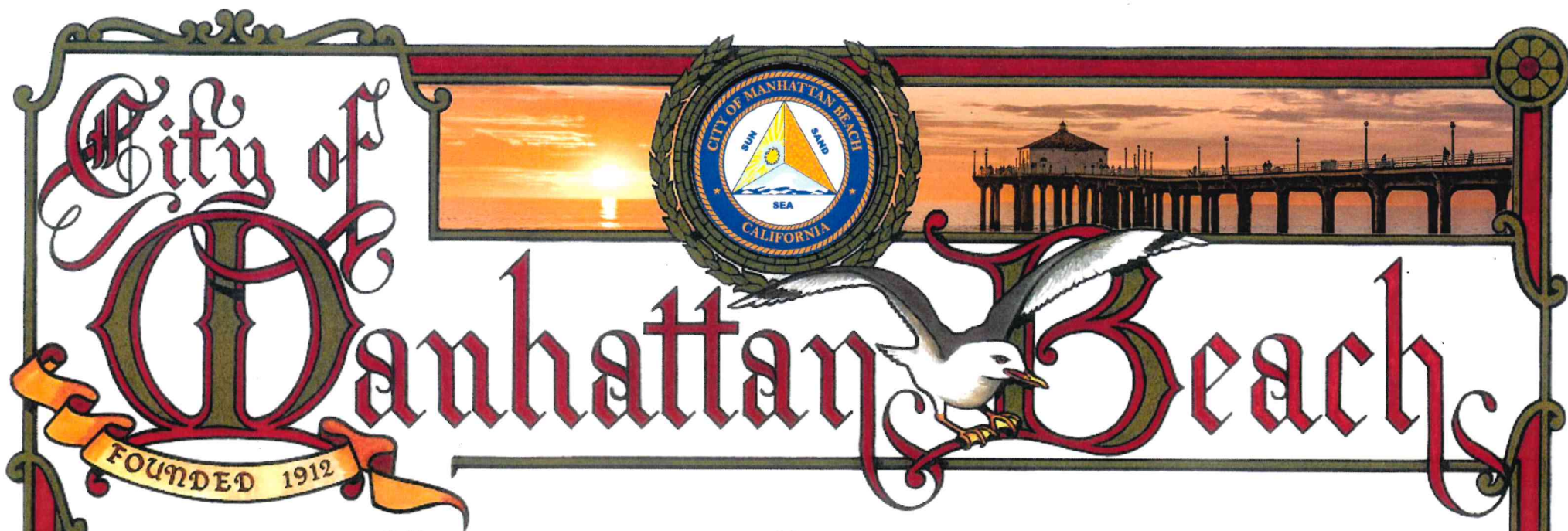
for his courage, compassion, and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to save the lives of others.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2022.




MAYOR HILDY STERN





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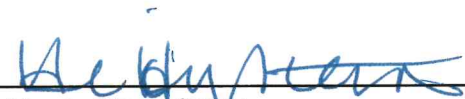
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