



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Police Silver Star Award Presentation

**MEETING DATE:** April 7, 2010

**PREPARED BY:** David J. Main, Chief of Police

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Chief David Main will present a Silver Star award to Officer Eric Bradley.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Silver Star is the department's second-highest award. It is awarded to individuals who demonstrate outstanding bravery above and beyond what is expected in the normal course of duty.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, David Paradiso was standing trial for the murder of his girlfriend. Officer Eric Bradley was the investigating officer in the case and was seated at the table with the deputy district attorney. Paradiso was on the stand testifying. There were family members, spectators, reporters, law enforcement officials, and deputy district attorneys in the audience. Paradiso made a derogatory comment about the victim and his mother yelled out.

The protests from Paradiso's family members grew louder so Judge Cinda Fox called for a recess. As court bailiffs were dealing with the disturbance, Paradiso stood up from the witness stand and grabbed Judge Fox from behind and began stabbing at her with a concealed weapon. Detective Bradley, who had stepped behind the prosecution table, drew his duty weapon and approached Paradiso. Judge Fox leaned forward in an effort to break Paradiso's grip. Detective Bradley quickly closed the distance and fired, mortally wounding Paradiso. Detective Bradley remained calm and took control of the chaotic scene. Judge Fox was transported to a local hospital where she received stitches for her wounds.

Detective Bradley reacted quickly and appropriately in this situation. It lasted less than five seconds. While others were taking cover or watching what was taking place, Detective Bradley approached the bench in an effort to save Judge Fox. He placed his shots accurately while under a tremendous amount of pressure. According to people, from District Attorney Jim Willett to Paradiso's Attorney Chuck Pacheco, Detective Bradley is a hero. In his statement to the local newspaper, Pacheco said, "He's the guy who saved the judge's life."

**FISCAL IMPACT:** NIA

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** NIA

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David J. Main  
Chief of Police

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Cc: City Attorney

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Blair King, City Manager