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OFFICER GIORDANO AWARDED MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Clearwater, Fla. – Clearwater Chief of Police Anthony Holloway presented Officer Nicholas Giordano with a Medal of Distinguished Service for his off-duty actions on August 3, 2010. Ofc. Giordano was driving his personal vehicle when he observed a man driving a SUV yelling at another man on a motorcycle. A few moments later, Ofc. Giordano heard a crashing sound. He looked over and saw that the SUV had collided with the motorcycle, leaving the motorcycle rider on the ground. As the motorcyclist attempted to get up, the driver of the vehicle accelerated forward hitting the driver and driving over him.

Ofc. Giordano followed the Expedition while calling CPD dispatch for assistance. Ofc. Giordano witnessed the driver run through a red light, cause another crash and leave the scene. He followed the suspect vehicle and continued to update dispatch on his location. A short time later, the suspect lost control of the vehicle, crashed into a tree, and ran from the scene. Giordano gave chase and caught the suspect after a short foot pursuit. The suspect resisted violently, even though Ofc. Giordano identified himself as a Police Officer. Ofc. Giordano was able to detain the suspect until additional officers arrived. The victim was treated and released from the hospital.

The Medal of Distinguished Service is awarded to a member who, intelligently and in the line of police duty, performs an act of outstanding personal bravery at imminent personal risk to life and with knowledge of the hazards involved.



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