

Monterey County joint Grant Task Force

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To: Sheriff Kanalakis
From: Sgt. Richard
Rodriguez Subject: Deputy of the
Year 2009

I would like to submit Deputy Pinon for Deputy of the year for the following reason:

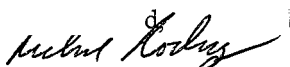
On 1/15/09 Deputy Pinon and his partner Probation Officer Leo Salas were asked by Sgt Cline (Salinas PD Detective Sergeant) to code-5 a Body Shop at address 1367 Dayton St, Salinas, and check for a van which was a 187 pc suspect vehicle. Deputy Pinon and PO Salas drove by the address and saw two males standing in front of the business. As Deputy Pinon and PO Salas drove by the two males, in an unmarked car, Deputy Pinon saw both males reach into their rear and front waistbands as if they were holding handguns. Deputy Pinon recognized one of the males as a Sureno gang member. Deputy Pinon and PO Salas along with back up (Deputy Bryan Hoskins and PO Chris Plummer) drove up to the males. Both males ran into the business. Deputy Pinon chased the two males and identified himself as sheriffs office and to stop. The gang member stopped, turned towards Deputy Pinon and pointed a handgun at him. Deputy Pinon fired one round from his handgun shooting the gang member's hand and upper torso causing the handgun to be dropped. The gang member was apprehended and so was the other male suspect. Two handguns were found in the building.

It should be noted prior to the officer involved shooting there were 6 gang related homicides for the month of January.

Deputy Pinon's knowledge coupled with his hard work ethic illustrates an unprecedented dedication to the communities of Monterey County and further are a direct reflection of himself, the Monterey County Gang Task Force and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff, with the above written information, I encourage you to consider Deputy Pinon for Deputy of the Year 2009.

Respectfully Submitted



Sergeant Richard Rodriguez