



On November 8, 2015, Salinas Police Officers Adolfo Lopez and Gabriel Carvey were dispatched to a report of a suicidal subject in the ravine behind the Youth Center on Circle Drive. His method of attempt at suicide was described by the reporting party as hanging by means of a garden hose. Sergeant John Lynn overheard the dispatch and also responded. Additional information was conveyed about

the subject suffering from a bi-polar episode coupled with extreme depression and had consumed several hydrocodone pills earlier in the day.

The subject climbed a large tree tying one end of the hose around a branch and the other end around his neck. He was crying stating he wanted to die and no reason to live any longer.

Officer Lopez arrived on scene and moments later Sgt. Lynn arrived. Officers could see the subject had placed the hose around his neck and was approximately 15-20 feet above the ground while holding on to the trunk of the tree just above a large branch. Remaining calm, Officer Lopez began a discussion with the subject. While this was transpiring Officer Carvey arrived and stood by with Officer Lopez while Sergeant Lynn went to his patrol vehicle to retrieve a collapsible ladder. Once at the patrol car Sergeant Lynn glanced at both Officers Lopez and Carvey and could see the subject was now sliding down the trunk of the tree just below the branch the hose was secured to. Within seconds the subject released his grasp of the tree resulting in the full extension of the hose which was made of a flexible rubber material.

Simultaneously, Officers Lopez and Carvey grabbed a hold of the subject's lower legs and raised him up just enough to relieve the tension of the hose from around his neck. Sergeant Lynn ran back from his patrol car with a tactical knife. Once Officer Lopez and Carvey were able to stabilize the subject who seconds before was shifting his body weight backwards in an effort to choke himself, Sergeant Lynn was now in a position to reach up with a fully extended arm and cut the hose just above the subject's neck area.

The subject was lowered to the ground and the rest of the hose around his neck was quickly removed. The subject was transported to a local hospital and a hold was placed.

If not for the quick actions of Sergeant Lynn and Officers Carvey and Lopez, this suicidal subject undoubtedly possessed the means and determination of ending his life. Additionally, the subject had several prior contacts with police where he unsuccessfully attempted suicide.

Based on the composed and rapid response of these Officers they saved his life. For their life saving efforts they are being awarded the Salinas Police Department's Outstanding Police Duty Award.