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Grass Valley Detectives Receive Award For Law Enforcement Excellence

GRASS VALLEY, CA – The Grass Valley Police Department is pleased to recognize the efforts of two of its members for the Ben Ali Peace Officers Unit Excellence in Law Enforcement Award.

On April 26th, Detective Sergeant Doug Hren and Detective Colin Nelson received the Certificate of Excellence from the Ben Ali Peace Officers Unit during an awards ceremony and dinner event held at the North Ridge Country Club in Sacramento. The event marked the 18th year that the Unit, an extension of the Western Shrine Association, has sought out exemplary police service in the Sacramento area and awarded personnel for their dedication to career and community.

Detective Sergeant Hren and Detective Nelson were selected for this award based on a review of nominations received from law enforcement agencies throughout the greater Sacramento area. This particular nomination was submitted based on the duo's diligent work in investigating two unfortunate deaths in the City of Grass Valley during 2007. The first incident occurred on April 1st when police responded to the 100 Block of S. Church St to investigate the suspicious death of 49 year old John Francis Moore , resulting in an arrest and conviction for Negligent Manslaughter. The other occurred on May 4th when police responded to the 100 block of Empire St to investigate a possible homicide involving 75 year old Mariam Alice Spratt. A suspect was arrested and the case is pending before the courts.

The Grass Valley Police Department takes great pride in providing exceptional customer service to the community of Grass Valley. Both Detective Sergeant Hren and Detective Nelson exemplify the level of quality and professionalism the Department seeks to employ. Their commitment to career and community is greatly appreciated.

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