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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: JUNE 13, 2008

TYPE OF INCIDENT: KERN COUNTY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

LOCATION OCCURED: STOCKDALE COUNTRY CLUB – BAKERSFIELD, CA

On June 13th, 2008, two Ridgecrest residents were recognized by the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation and were awarded a shared title of “Kern County Citizen of the Year.” Sherry McInerney and Amanda Pipkin received the award at a banquet held at the Stockdale Country Club in Bakersfield.

McInerney and Pipkin were working at the Ridgecrest Medical Plaza on June 30, 2007. An upset patient entered the building armed with a shotgun. McInerney and Pipkin physically confronted the subject. Their actions delayed the suspect and allowed patients and other medical plaza personnel time to flee to areas of safety. Local law enforcement then entered the medical plaza and were able to neutralize the suspect before he was able to seriously harm any of the occupants.

McInerney and Pipkin’s quick thinking with little concern for their own safety potentially saved the lives of several patients and medical personnel at the scene.

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