



LIFESAVING AWARD

Presented to

Officer Christian Jackson and Officer Kieron Carlson

for their actions saving the life of a 19-year old female who had fallen into the Umatilla River at Riverfront Park.

On March 8, 2023, at 7:45 PM, Officer Christian Jackson and Officer Kieron Carlson heard Umatilla County Fire District 1 dispatched to Riverfront Park on a report of a female in the river and unable to get out. Both officers arrived before paramedics and located the female with only her head and one arm above the water. Without hesitation and despite only being 34 degrees outside, Officer Jackson went into the water and began to assist the female to the shoreline. Officer Carlson assisted and was able to pull the female completely out of the water. Officer Carlson then focused on getting Officer Jackson out as he was sinking in the mud.

Paramedics transported the female to Good Shepherd Hospital where she was treated for hypothermia. Both officers secured the service dog of the female and were able to reunite the animal with the owner at the hospital.

Let it be known this 27th day of March 2023, that Officer Christian Jackson and Officer Kieron Carlson displayed true courage to save the life of a stranger. Their efforts are noticed and very much appreciated.

Jason Edmiston,
Hermiston Police Chief

Dr. Dave Drotzmann,
Hermiston Mayor

Byron Smith,
Hermiston City Manager