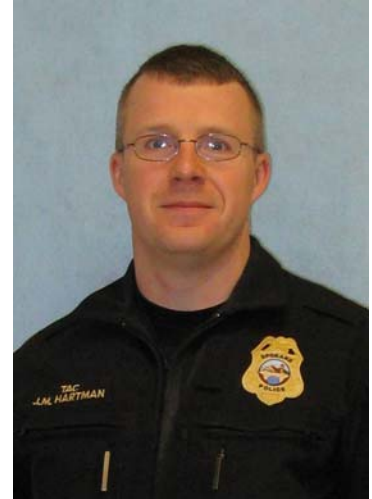


## SERGEANT JASON HARTMAN

On October 14, 2010, at 15:52 hours the Washington Trust Bank on west Francis was robbed by a subject armed with a handgun. Witnesses called 911 and were giving directions as to the fleeing bank robber's location. Sergeant Jason Hartman was in the area and responded to the robbery.



Sgt. Hartman observed the suspect fleeing on a bicycle toward Salk Junior High School which had some after school activities occurring outside on the playground. Knowing the robbery suspect was armed, Sgt. Hartman pulled his vehicle into the path of the robbery suspect to keep him from going any closer to the school. The robbery suspect would not stop and collided with Sgt. Hartman's vehicle causing him to fly off the bicycle, into the car and onto the ground. During this collision the handgun fell to the ground. Sgt. Hartman had the suspect at gun point, but the suspect made a move for the handgun. Sgt. Hartman immediately went hands on to control the suspect until patrol units could arrive to assist with taking the suspect into custody. Sgt. Hartman asked one of the witnesses, who had been following the suspect and stopped at his location, to carefully pick up the gun and move it further away onto the grass away from him and the suspect.

Sgt. Hartman had prior knowledge of this serial bank robber and knew him to be extremely dangerous. Even though he was in plain clothes and not wearing a vest, Sgt. Hartman made the courageous decision to confront the suspect at that time to prevent his escape or his further endangering of innocent citizens, even if it meant he had to shoot it out with him then and there.

Not enough can be said about Sgt. Hartman's quick thinking, quick actions, and his bravery to bring this very dangerous incident to a conclusion! Sgt. Hartman distinguished himself with extraordinary acts of bravery by placing his own safety in immediate peril.



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