

guards remained locked in the rear of the van, while the other guard, the driver, made the first delivery.

As the security guard was leaving the bank to return to the van to make a second delivery, he was approached and threatened by a man carrying a handgun. The robber demanded that the guard in the van release money bags into the van's chute. As the bags were being released, a second robber, who was also carrying a handgun, joined the first. At this point, Constable Mason, who was off duty and not in uniform, and walking his dog, having witnessed the robbery, ran behind the security guard and grabbed the second gunman to make an arrest. This intervention by Constable Mason gave the security guard an opportunity to break free and run to the safety of the cab of his vehicle where he locked himself inside. As he did so, a gun was discharged and Constable Mason fell to the ground, fatally wounded. The robbers made good their escape in the getaway car, but were subsequently arrested.

Constable Mason displayed gallantry of a high order, and selfless devotion, when, whilst off-duty, and with total disregard for his own safety, he attempted to arrest two armed gunmen who were in the process of holding up a security van and was fatally wounded.

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For services in foiling an attempt to rob him of the cash he was delivering to a bank, in the course of which he received fatal stab wounds.

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