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HONOURS AND AWARDS

## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1

1st March 1996

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal and for the publication in *The London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Bravery.

### *Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

David BOYCE, Constable Metropolitan Police.  
Mark John O'BRIEN, Constable Metropolitan Police.

For services in chasing and arresting two armed robbers during which, on a number of occasions, shots were fired at them.

Constables Boyce and O'Brien received a call reporting that there was an armed robbery in progress. O'Brien was first on the scene, on foot, followed shortly after by Boyce in a police van. They joined forces and followed the robbers, who were seen to be armed and who headed for a stolen van in which they tried to escape. At this point, Robber 2 walked towards the police van and fired a shot, hitting the windscreen and showering Boyce and O'Brien with shattered glass. Both constables left their police vehicle and O'Brien ran to inform fellow officers who were arriving at the scene of the incident. Meanwhile, the robbers had returned to their van to escape. Noticing this, Boyce got back into his police van and pursued them, followed by a police car carrying O'Brien and other officers.

When the robbers' van crashed a little later, further shots were fired at Boyce in the police vehicle. The robbers then hijacked the police car which had also been following them, forcing the occupants out at gun point, to make their escape. On seeing this Boyce, who had been rejoined in his van by O'Brien, rammed the hijacked police car twice knowing full well that the robbers would not hesitate to use their weapons. The robbers managed to escape and a further pursuit followed until they crashed the hijacked police car. Robber 1 got out of the car and aimed his gun at Boyce, who had stopped his van nearby and got out to cover the robbers. At this stage armed police officers arrived and arrested Robber 1 who gave himself up.

Jonathan Dee CORBETT, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

David Joseph STERRITT, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

John DUFFY, Detective Constable, Lothian and Borders Police.

David MacRoberts DUNN (Posthumous).

Duncan McLean McPherson MILLIKEN.

For showing gallantry of a high order when without thought for their own safety, they tackled armed robbers in attempting to stop their escape.

On 19 October 1994 following a bank robbery, Constable Duffy was off duty and talking with his friend (Mr Milliken), when he saw two of the robbers running away.

Both gave chase and as one of the robbers approached the getaway car Constable Duffy caught