



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 6, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,

Honoring and Congratulating Detective Casey McLaughlin as

2020 Santa Rosa Exchange Club Peace Officer of the Year

Whereas, Detective Casey McLaughlin, of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, has been selected by a committee of the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association as the outstanding recipient of the Santa Rosa Exchange Club's 2020 Sonoma County Peace Officer of the Year, recognizing his exceptional contributions to the safety of our community; and

Whereas, Detective McLaughlin has been a Deputy Sheriff with Sonoma County Sheriff's Office for over 14 years, is a member of the Sonoma County Sheriff's SWAT Team, and a full time deputized Task Force Officer with the DEA Santa Rosa Resident Office, which covers seven counties from north of the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border; and

Whereas, Due to his proactive policing strategies and reputation, Detective McLaughlin has brought multiple local, state and federal law enforcement agencies together to focus combined efforts to combat criminal organizations. To date, the operation has resulted in six arrests, over 16 pounds of methamphetamine, ½ pound of heroin, six firearms, several hundred counterfeit tablets and \$12,000. Despite COVID-19 related challenges to the court system, and exposures to first responders, Detective McLaughlin has found ways to navigate this new challenging landscape to continuing investigative successes; and

Whereas, In three years during unrelated DEA Task Force investigations, Detective McLaughlin's efforts have amounted to over 50 narcotics related arrests, several dozen firearms seized, 440 pounds of methamphetamine, 5 pounds of heroin and 1 pound of fentanyl seized, which would be valued at over \$1,200,000; and

Whereas, Detective McLaughlin is an exemplary Deputy Sheriff, and a valuable asset to the DEA Task Force whose participation in organizations and many community events, such as

Red Ribbon Drug Awareness efforts in schools throughout Sonoma County, demonstrates his commitment to the youth and their health and future.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors honors and congratulates Detective Casey McLaughlin of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office as the outstanding recipient of the Santa Rosa Exchange Club's 2020 Sonoma County Peace Officer of the Year.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.