

Santa Barbara Citizens' Council on Crime
H. Thomas Guerry Awards Program
2011 Nomination Form

Submitted by (Agency): Santa Barbara County District Attorney

Category of Award (Please check one of the following)

- H. Thomas Guerry Award for Valor
- Superior Performance
(Includes Skill in Conflict Resolution)

The following qualifications should be given consideration in your decision:

1. General superiority as a law enforcement officer
2. Specific act(s) of heroism
3. Humanitarian service (on or off duty)
4. Other outstanding considerations

A. NAME OF NOMINEE:

Megan Ross

B. RANK OF NOMINEE:

Senior Deputy District Attorney

C. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Current Assignment: Criminal Street Gang and
Major Narcotics

History with Department: She started as a Deputy District
Attorney in January 2003. She worked on
a general misdemeanor caseload before running
the Domestic Violence unit and has been
in her current assignment since May 2007.

Prior Law Enforcement Experience: (If applicable) N/A

(Please See Other Side)

D. GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION:

Ms. Ross has been the lead attorney in the Gang and major narcotic unit since May 2007. She is also in charge of the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) cases in North County. She has also assisted a number of law enforcement agencies with wire tap applications which led to numerous arrests and prosecutions.

D. SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS:

February / March 2010: People v. Patrick McMillan + Roderick Coleman
Defendants were convicted of Home invasion robbery, assault, rape for the benefit & association w/ a criminal street gang. The case involved 2 separate juries at the same trial which is extremely rare.

August 2010: People v. Marc Morton
Defendant was convicted of first degree murder with the special circumstances of lying in wait. He was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

September 2010: People v. Isaac Garza & Carlos Valdez
Defendants were convicted of first degree murder for the benefit of the criminal street gang with the use of a gun causing death. They received life in prison.

Nominated by: Joyce E. Dudley
(Department Head)

Title: District Attorney

Date: 5/2/11