

Award for Bravery

Officer Tiffany Winik, Bristol Township Police Department

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Officer Tiffany Winik helped subdue a parolee who was about to attack Bucks County Probation/Parole Officers as they checked on him in Levittown.

Officer Winik and the parole officers had to force open a barricaded door to try to make contact with the parolee to ensure he was well and take him into custody. When they entered the apartment, she found him hiding in a closet in only his underwear. He appeared to be under the influence and was extremely agitated, threatening Officer Winik and the parole officers.

Sensing the safety of the unarmed parole officers was at risk, Officer Winik told them to retreat while she attempted to control the situation. The parolee then armed himself with a shard of glass from a broken fish aquarium and lunged at the parole officers and her.

Officer Winik acted quickly to protect the unarmed parole officers. She shot the individual, incapacitating him so that he was no longer a threat. She kept a cool head and was able to quickly assess a dangerous situation to ensure the safety of law enforcement officers at the scene. Her quick thinking and brave actions prevented the situation from getting out of hand and more harm being done to all the parties involved.