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SDPD ASSISTS INJURED MARINE AND HIS FAMILY

(San Diego) SDPD Mid-City Officers George Garvey and John Carpenter went to a report of a burglary at 5800 University Avenue during the second week of December. The apartment had been almost completely cleaned out. The only thing left inside was a couch and a bed.

The residents of this apartment are Sergeant Ishmael Quiroz, his girlfriend Brittany and their infant child. Sergeant Quiroz is attached to the 3rd Anti Aircraft Battalion at Camp Pendleton. He had been serving in Iraq and was injured by an IED which exploded under his Humvee. His girlfriend and child joined him back east during his recovery leaving their apartment vacant for several weeks. When they came home, they discovered the burglary. Officer Garvey (a former Marine) asked his fellow officers at Mid-City to donate what they could to help to replace Sergeant Quiroz's belongings which included the engagement ring he was planning to give to his girlfriend. About $400 cash was collected that night from Mid-City officers.

When other SDPD divisions heard about Sergeant Quiroz's loss, they began to contribute cash and gifts. Officer Garvey also enlisted the aid of a local radio show and, to date the cash donations total almost $10,000. In addition, a local jeweler came forward to donate an engagement ring set.

Today at 1 p.m. at Mid-City Division, 4310 Landis Street, a presentation will be made to Sergeant Quiroz and his family.

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