



# KLAMATH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **Media Release**

**Date:** December 18, 2020

**Re:** Oregon State Sheriff's Association Award – Deputy Levi Justman

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On December 16, 2020 Klamath County Sheriff Chris Kaber & Klamath County Commissioner Derrick DeGroot presented Oregon State Sheriff's Association Life Saving Award to Klamath County Sheriff's Deputy Levi Justman.

On the evening of Friday February 28, 2020 at 23:52 hours Deputy Levi Justman and Reserve Deputy Joey Clifford were dispatched to a report of shots fired and two victims with injuries to their lower extremities. Upon arrival on scene, at 23:55 hours, Deputy Justman observed a large gathering of people in a trailer park and two subjects on the ground. As Justman exited the patrol vehicle he instructed Deputy Clifford to cover him as he was going to assess the medical needs of the victims.

Deputy Justman began to assess the first victim who was screaming loudly and was called to access the second victim. As Deputy Justman assessed the second victim he observed the pale color and shallow breathing as well as substantial blood loss. Deputy Justman quickly located a bullet wound in the right leg and recognized it as an arterial bleed and placed a tourniquet above the wound. At 23:57 hours Deputy Justman notified 911 dispatch that he had placed a tourniquet of the second victim and advised the scene was clear for EMS personnel to respond to the scene. He directed a bystander to stay with the second victim and monitor his status and returned to the first victim to render additional first aid.

The first victim suffered a shattered femur, the second victim suffered a severed femoral artery. The attending physician noted that if the tourniquet had not been applied by Deputy Justman the victim would have lost his life.



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(L to R) Sheriff Chris Kaber, Deputy Levi Justman, Commissioner Derrick DeGroot  
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