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CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AT WNMCF

Santa Fe-the New Mexico Corrections Department will be recognizing two Correctional Officers for their distinguished service and bravery today, October 25, 2011 at the Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Grants.

Eluid Arguello is being recognized with a Distinguished Service Award because of his ability to utilize correct training and posture in a professional manner in order to save, or clearly contribute to saving the life of an inmate who was being severely assaulted by another inmate that was occurred on August 6, 2011.

“Arguello’s decisive and appropriate response to this serious assault saved the inmate’s life. His bravery and willingness to subordinate his own safety for the safety of another truly represents his willingness to defend those things in life that are noble and worth defense. His purpose driven actions cast great credit upon himself and our organization and are in the greatest keeping with the honor and traditions of our public service responsibilities,” said Interim NMCD Deputy Secretary Gregg Marcantel.

*Arguello has been with WNMCF for 2 ½ years.

Mike Navarro is being recognized with a letter of accommodation because he displays a professional, advanced, and avant-garde attitude regarding his duties as a Correctional Officer. On two separate occasions within a three-day period he displayed actions worthy of recognition. On May 24, 2011 and May 27, 2011 Navarro discovered two different inmates with serious health conditions and was able to get them treated within a timely manner to prevent possible death.

Navarro’s commitment to service ultimately saved two inmates lives. His acts and attention to detail when conducting his duties above expectations cast great credit upon himself and our organization and are certainly worthy of special recognition.

*Navarro started with WNMCF one year ago in August.

For more information or a picture of the recipients, please contact Deanna Hoisington at 505-876-8301.

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