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Good Samaritan Who Assisted Brea Officer During Critical Incident Comes Forward

Brea, Calif. – A Good Samaritan, who assisted a Brea police officer during a critical incident on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, has come forward. This individual has expressed that they do not want any public or media attention, and that they were simply helping someone in need. The Brea Police Department respects this individual's position, and provides this update in the interest of transparency, as the incident has garnered much public and media attention.

During the incident, this individual is seen on body-worn and in-car camera assisting the officer, following a traffic stop that resulted in a foot pursuit and violent struggle with a suspect. During the struggle, the suspect made a violent but unsuccessful attempt to take control of the officer's service weapon, as well as the officer's taser. The individual made the decision to intervene, and assisted the officer with controlling the suspect until additional officers arrived on-scene.

The Brea Police Department wishes to extend its sincerest gratitude to this individual. We are grateful for people like this, who see someone in need and act. It is likely that the outcome of this critical incident could have been different without this individual's intervention.

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