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**Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard J. Gardner Among First Honored with
Congressional Badge of Bravery**

On Thursday, January 5, 2012, Congressman Joe Heck, Senator Dean Heller, U.S. Attorney Daniel Bogden and the U.S. Marshal Service District Headquarters will honor Deputy U.S. Marshal Richard Joseph Gardner with the Congressional Badge of Bravery. Deputy Marshal Gardner was selected as a member of the inaugural class for his actions on January 4, 2010 when a gunman opened fire in the main lobby of the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse. The gunman and one court security officer were fatally wounded, but Deputy Gardner's quick thinking prevented more tragedy that day.

The following event is open to the press:

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Event: Congressional Badge of Bravery Presentation

When: 3:00 PM PST

Location: Lloyd D. George U.S. Federal Courthouse
333 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada

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