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Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy Doty honors security guard for saving young girl's life

Littleton, Colo. – Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy Doty honored Security Guard Vernon Demoray Tuesday with a certificate of recognition for his heroic efforts in saving a young girl's life at a motor vehicle office on Oct. 26.

Demoray was watching the Southeast Arapahoe County Motor Vehicle Office parking lot in Centennial after he locked the doors at 4:30 p.m. that day. When Ann Jimenez pulled up to the curb to get her license plates she was in a rush. She got out of the car and at the same time, her daughter, 5-year-old Saphira Castro fell out. The car started rolling backward knocking Saphira to the ground in the path of the car. Without hesitating, Demoray ran over and pulled Saphira out from under the car.

"I learned a big lesson that day," Jimenez said. "You always have tomorrow so you don't need to rush things. If something would have happened to Saphira, I wouldn't have had a tomorrow."

Castro escaped the incident with some minor cuts and scratches. Demoray, who was shaken up after the incident, said he is glad he was at the right place at the right time.

"The actions taken by Vern are admirable," said Doty, who presented the award during the Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing. "He prevented what could have been a severe injury to Saphira or the loss of her life."

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