



STATE OF IDAHO
LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS
MEDAL OF HONOR

Awarded to

Darin Moulton

For conspicuous gallantry and exceptionally meritorious conduct at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

On August 12, 2004, Idaho Falls Police Officer Darin Moulton responded to an "officers need assistance, emergency" call. Two officers had been brutally assaulted by James Rauch. One officer had been beaten incoherent, and the other had been shot. Officer Moulton had been informed of the fight and that a shot had been fired. Upon arrival, Officer Moulton was confronted with two officers down. Rauch was climbing off the wounded, bloodied officer, and the officer was screaming, "Shoot him!" Officer Moulton, unaware whether Rauch still had a firearm, did not hesitate, but rushed at Rauch. Officer Moulton punched Rauch in the face, knocking him to the ground. Officer Moulton then handcuffed Rauch and attended to the wounded officer until an ambulance arrived. Later, when asked why he had not shot James Rauch, Officer Moulton replied, "I just wanted to end it." Officer Moulton's extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at grave risk of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, averted the loss of life of fellow officers. His actions are in the highest tradition of Idaho law enforcement and are a credit upon himself, the Idaho Falls Police Department, and Idaho law enforcement officers.

Signed this 12th day of May 2006.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dirk Kempthorne", is written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of Idaho