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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the publication in *The London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Bravery.

Queen's Commendation for Bravery

Geoffrey Arnold HINCE. Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

For his actions in tackling two robbers during a raid on a Post Office in Salford.

In October 2004 in the middle of the afternoon, Constable Hince was off-duty and driving in Salford when he noticed two men wearing balaclavas, enter a Post Office. One man was carrying a machete and the second man held a pick-axe. Constable Hince stopped his car and ran into the Post Office shouting "Police". There were two members of staff in the shop at the time. He ran towards one man and punched him in the face, knocking him down. The second man moved behind a screen, acting in a threatening manner and then attacked Constable Hince injuring him in several places on his arm and hand. The two employees joined in the fracas. A struggle ensued and the man fell backwards on to the floor. He was held down by Constable Hince, with the help of the employees. The other man joined in the affray. Constable Hince kicked

out at him and he dropped the pick-axe and fled. The first robber was restrained for a few minutes until uniformed officers arrived at the scene. The robber was sentenced to six and a half years and a further 12 months on recall of licence.

Nicholas Peter SCOTT. Officer, HM Prison Lincoln.

For going to the rescue of a colleague held hostage in a prison riot.

In October 2002 Officer Scott was on duty when a serious disturbance broke out in Lincoln Prison. During a prisoner association period in the evening, an officer was attacked and pushed into a cell by a group of prisoners. He was hit and sustained wounds to his head. Officer Scott heard the sound of the attack and ran to the cell, whilst a colleague raised the alarm. Officer Scott drew his truncheon and opened the cell door to go to the aid of his stricken colleague. On entering the cell he was confronted by a group of about six prisoners wearing balaclavas, armed with makeshift weapons which they had used on the hostage. A prisoner armed with a table leg confronted him, a fight ensued and Officer Scott was forced to retreat. He backed down the wing landing, followed by the attacking prisoner and at one point went down and was injured. The prisoner returned to his accomplices and they all left the cell, allowing the officer held hostage and Officer Scott to escape to safety. The riot was not quelled until the early hours of the next day. Twenty-one prisoners received sentences totalling 98 years.