

# Friends & Neighbors Sergeant Shane Sherwood: Hero Cop

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Shane Sherwood never intended on becoming a hero cop. He never intended on being a cop. But when he was in college, tragedy changed his life forever. That's when he decided to change his major from pre-med to Criminal Justice. And "Sarge," as he would soon be known, started on his path to infamy as the hero cop that solved the unsolvable. What prompted the change? "It was all about my kid sister," Sarge says. "She was bullied - tortured, really - in high school. She was teased by this one skel over and over again until she had a nervous breakdown." His younger sister Shannon became the punchline of a series of knock-knock jokes



Shane "Sarge" Sherwood was recognized as this year's "Hero Cop" by the State Association of Police Chiefs, and "Hero Cop" by the Union of Police Associations. He dedicated the award to his sister Shannon during the awards banquet.

decided to take it on himself. So without permission from his captain, Sarge appeared on the podcast, "True Crime," which would later be called "Cereal Killer." "If I knew that this show would lead me to the skeleton committed the murders, I probably would have appeared earlier," he jokes. Leads poured in through the podcast's Listener Forum, from listeners who had named themselves "Podders." "We are a tight-knit bunch," according to a listener known as "Harry Podder." "One of the Podders leaked crime scene photos, and then someone else posted the fingerprint report right on the site."

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