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Seven News receives Logie Award

Seven News has been recognised with the 2016 TV Week Logie Award for Most Outstanding News Coverage.

Senior reporters Robert Ovidia and Chris Maher accepted the award on behalf of the *Seven News* team, for its coverage of the terrorist shooting of police accountant Curtis Cheng outside NSW Police Headquarters at Parramatta on October 2 last year.

Seven News was the first television network to get pictures to air of the unfolding scene at Parramatta. Details from police were scarce, but through Robert's extensive network of contacts the team on the ground was able to quickly and accurately report key facts.

The following day, *Seven News* obtained the defining pictures of this shocking event – vision captured by a resident of an apartment overlooking Police Headquarters of the exchange of gunfire. Seen not just in Australia but around the world, it shows, with chilling clarity, the teenage gunman daring guards to shoot him.

Seven News' investigation of the shooting, the motive behind it, subsequent arrests, protests and court hearings dominated news bulletins for weeks.

Seven Network Director of News and Public Affairs Craig McPherson said: "We are very proud of this achievement. It is credit to the dedication and skill of every person working in the newsroom, who rallied under crushing pressure to deliver comprehensive coverage over a number of weeks.

"We are grateful for the recognition from our peers, but it is difficult to celebrate the coverage of a news event that had such a tragic outcome. Our thoughts remain with the family and friends of Curtis Cheng and we commend the bravery of the constable who stepped out from cover to return fire that day."

Seven News was last year recognised with the TV Week Logie Award in the same category for its coverage of the Lindt Café siege.

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