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| **CO : Hero NJ cop rescues man (1’27)** |

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We have some new video this morning about a New Jersey transit officer who was hailed as a hero for a daring rescue in this incredible story.
Good morning guys : this is one that you will remember today.

Victor Ortiz made a split second decision that saved a life but this morning he tells us that he was just doing his job.

An act of heroism just in the nick of time. NJ cop Victor Ortiz put his life on the line saving a man lying on the the track second between life and death.

« I was bracing for the worst you know but hopefully for the best. »

Bracing for an oncoming train, its headlights approaching fast.

« In my mind, I said : this is not going to happen, now I’m here, I’m gonna do what I can to pull this guy through ».

Ortiz admitted that it was a struggle : the man, significantly larger than him wasn’t cooperating. Ortiz found the strength to pull him off the track with no more than 2 seconds to spare.

« If that last pull had not worked, we already know what would have happened. »

This morning, people are calling Ortiz a hero, but he says others would do the same.

« If I had just stood and done nothing I wouldn’t bear, you know, that thought in my mind. »

A humble and proud cop, Ortiz says the man later apologized and thanked him.

« I didn’t mean to do what I did and I told him that’s my job to protect and serve. »

The man’s identity and condition haven’t been revealed.

Right now, officer Ortiz is on a well-deserved vacation. Can we add a couple of days ? Hugs.

Just in the nick of time.

Did you see ? That was seconds !