



Naples, Paratrooper General Rodolfo Sganga Stops a Thief in the City Center

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An act of quick thinking, courage, and civic duty turned a quiet evening in the heart of Naples into a positive news story. The protagonist, last Saturday, was **Paratrooper General Rodolfo Sganga**, Chief of Staff of the Allied Joint Force Command Naples (JFC Naples), who did not hesitate to chase and stop a fleeing thief.

The Theft and the General's Intervention

It was around 8:50 PM when, on **Via Chiaia**, near Piazza Carolina, a woman screamed for help: her necklace had been snatched from her neck. The victim immediately pointed out the culprit, a young man over six feet tall running towards Piazza Trieste e Trento.

General Sganga, present in the area with his wife, witnessed the scene and, without hesitation, began a foot chase through the crowded streets of the center.

Reaching the fugitive near **Piazza Trieste e Trento**, Sganga managed to stop him, preventing him from continuing his escape. Moments later, a patrol of the **Municipal Police**, already in the

area, arrived on the scene and took the man into custody.

During the search, the officers recovered the necklace that had just been stolen, returning it to its owner. **The thief was thus brought to justice thanks to the prompt intervention of the Paratrooper Officer.**

Who is General Rodolfo Sganga

General Sganga is a prominent figure in the Italian Army, with a career that began in 1987 and has been marked by high-profile assignments. A conscript in 1987, he later attended the **169th Course of the Military Academy of Modena**. Promoted to Second Lieutenant in 1989, he was initially assigned to the ["Serenissima" Lagunari Regiment](#) where he served as **Platoon Leader of Scouts**.

As a Captain, he was **Company Commander at the Military Academy** and **Rifle Company Commander** at the [183rd Paratrooper Regiment "Nembo"](#). As a Lieutenant Colonel **he took command of the 2nd Paratrooper Battalion "Tarquinia"**. During the mission in **Bala Baluk** in 2009, [he distinguished himself with a heroic action](#) that earned him the **Silver Medal for Military Valor**.

Between 2012 and 2014, he commanded the [187th Paratrooper Regiment "Folgore"](#), leveraging his experience and strategic vision in one of the most prestigious units of the Italian Army; subsequently, between 2017 and 2019, he held [the role of AQUILA 1](#), **Commander of the Paratrooper Brigade "Folgore"**.

On the international stage, he represented Italy as **Military Attaché** at the Embassy in Washington D.C. and directed the III Department of the General Secretariat of Defense, dealing with industrial policy and international relations. Today he serves as **Chief of Staff of the Allied Joint Force Command NATO in Naples**.