

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Deshon Beard

Honoree's Job Title: Juvenile Supervision Officer

Department: Juvenile Probation

Years of Service with the County: 4 years of service

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On March 21, 2023 Officer D. Beard was working in Cluster 3 D Pod when two male residents, both age 17 began swinging aggressively hitting another resident in our facility. The 17-year-old residents were striking the victim repeatedly. Officer Beard was able to place himself between the youth who was being assaulted and the two aggressors.

He was able to hold both residents while shielding the third person with his own body. The physical restraint training that our officers are certified in only provides training on how to restrain a single aggressor at a time. However, Officer Beard's actions went beyond the scope of our training by being able to immobilize two residents at the same time as other officers were responding to assist.

His quick action and physical presence prevented the victim in the assault from sustaining injury. He was able to control the incident, while redirecting the other juveniles in the pod to remain back and stay safe. Officer Beard was able to go above and beyond in protecting a juvenile resident from serious harm.

His actions are to be commended.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 12th day of April, 2023



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

H. Lynn Hadnot

Printed Name