

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Austin First Name: A Middle Initial: Last Name: Plunk

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Collin County Sheriff's Office

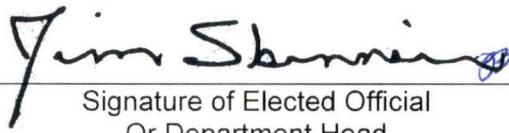
Years of Service with the County: 2.5

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On 05/09/2024 Deputy Austin Plunk exhibited outstanding professionalism while responding to a warrant service at the Collin County Adult Probation facility. Deputy Plunk responded to the location to conduct a warrant arrest of a female that had brought her 3 year old son with her to a meeting with her probation officer. Contact was made with the child's grandmother so that the child could be released to a relative. Deputy Plunk took custody of the child while other deputies arrested the mom. The child's grandmother was coming from Dallas and was over 30 minutes away. Deputy Plunk did not allow the child to see his mother being placed in handcuffs nor did he allow the child to see his mom being placed in the back seat of a police car. Knowing that these actions could be traumatic for the child, Deputy Plunk shielded the child from this. Deputy Plunk transported the child to the Sheriff's Office and watched him until the grandmother arrived. This was not part of Deputy Plunk's job duties but he stepped up, saw what needed to be done, and took care of it.

This is the definition of what Going the Extra Mile is. Deputy Plunk acted with the utmost professionalism in his interaction with the parent, the grandmother and the child.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 16th day of May, 2024


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name