

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Michael Gowens
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Detention Officer

Department: Admission and Release

Years of Service with the County: 8

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On January 1, 2021, City of Plano transported an inmate to the Collin County Detention Facility who was later identified as a minor using a false name and date of birth. Officer Gowens was instrumental in positively identifying this inmate after information was obtained which caused Officer Gowens to question the validity of the Florida Drivers License this inmate came in with. Officer Gowens ran a search that produced a return with a photo that did not match the inmate in custody. After speaking with this inmate, Officer Gowens was able to obtain a confession that the Drivers License did not belong to the inmate in custody. Additionally, this inmate provided her correct name and date of birth. Officer Gowens then ran the inmates name through TCIC/NCIC which produced a missing persons report out of Santa Barbra, California. Officer Gowens then contacted Santa Barbra County Sheriff's Office who sent a photo which matched the person we had in custody. Officer Gowens' initiative, dedication, and commitment of service to the citizens of Collin County reflect great credit upon himself, the Collin County Sheriff's Office and those he is charged with safe guarding.

Approved by elected official or department head on the

7th

day of JAN, 20 21


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name