

## Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Olivia Penson  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job  
Title: Investigator

Department: Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 5

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On September 5, 2020, a 14 year old female runaway was missing from her residence in [REDACTED], GA. The mother stated she found the 14 year old's window open, and had previously discovered she was having explicit conversations with adult men on her cellphone via social media platforms. The FBI investigation into the missing girl led to [REDACTED], Texas. The FBI and Texas Rangers called Lt. Fontana and asked the Collin County Sheriff's Office to assist with the investigation. The FBI learned the suspect had the 14 year old runaway with him in his vehicle and was returning home from McDonald's. They also learned the suspect might drop the 14 year old runaway off before going home. Investigators positioned themselves on the main roads in [REDACTED], TX looking for the suspect's vehicle during peak traffic time. Investigator Penson arrived at CR [REDACTED] and FM [REDACTED] turned right on FM [REDACTED] and began to travel northbound toward McDonald's ([REDACTED], Collin County, Texas). As Investigator Penson was traveling northbound, a vehicle which matched the description of the suspect's vehicle passed her traveling southbound at a high rate of speed. As the vehicle was passing Investigator Penson, she observed a male driving and a young white female in the passenger seat. Investigator Penson observed the vehicle continue to travel southbound on FM [REDACTED] and passed CR [REDACTED]. Investigator Penson advised other law enforcement personnel of the vehicle sighting and activated her emergency lights. Investigator Penson observed a young white female exit the vehicle and walk towards [REDACTED]. The driver in the vehicle attempted to drive away, however, Investigator Penson activated the emergency siren and the vehicle stopped. The FBI agent that was traveling in the second responding vehicle took the 14 year old female into custody. The suspect was booked into Collin County Jail for unlawful restraint, a state jail felony.

I believe Investigator Penson deserves to be recognized for her attention to detail, dedication to duty, and quick actions which led to locating the 14 year old runaway and the suspect.

Approved by elected official or department head on  
the

17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 20 20



Signature of Elected Official  
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner

Printed Name