

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Robert Merritt
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Investigator

Department: Special Operations Unit

Years of Service with the County: 27

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In December 2022 GHOST Investigator Robert Merritt received information regarding a large scale illegal drug trafficking ring operating in both Collin and Hunt Counties. Investigator Merritt opened an investigation and after a short time was able to identify a major source of supply. Over a two month period Investigator Merritt worked tirelessly with other local and State agencies building a criminal case. On January 17th, 2023 after conducting several hours of surveillance, Investigator Merritt assisted by a local agency were able to conduct a traffic stop on the known supplier. This traffic stop yielded over two ounces of methamphetamine, U.S. currency, and the on-view arrest of the known supplier. Based on this arrest, Investigator Merritt after working all day continued to work into the late evening hours to further this investigation by drafting a search warrant for the known suppliers house and property. As the result of this search warrant an additional 8 lbs of methamphetamine was seized along with a large quantity of other illegal narcotics, and over \$8,000 in U.S. currency. Investigator Merritt continuously took it upon himself going above and beyond to make this happen and because of it one of the largest known suppliers of two counties was taken off the streets. This supplier is currently being held in Federal custody awaiting trial for these charges. This is an on-going investigation.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 17th day of Feb, 2023

Jim Skinner
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name