

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

Honoree's Name: Vernon Swanson

Honoree's Job Title: Detention Officer Platoon 1 Nights

Department: Collin County Sheriff's Office

Years of Service with the County: 2yrs, 3 mos.

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On Monday, April 26, 2021, Detention Officer Vernon Swanson was assigned to Pod 3C. Throughout his shift, Officer Swanson made contact with an inmate who displayed signs of mental health issues. Officer Swanson attempted to communicate with the inmate, however due to verbal communication issues the conversation was limited.

Officer Swanson notified Sergeant Emily Chan for further guidance and assistance with the inmate. After their futile attempts to communicate with the inmate, they relayed the information up the chain of command for assistance. The inmate advised that he was diagnosed as Bi-Polar, suffered from Asperger's disease and the onset of muscular dystrophy.

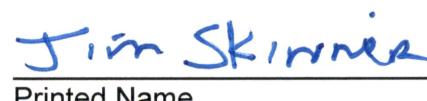
After receiving this information, Alyse Ferguson was notified for further assistance and she was able to coordinate his release, which occurred on April 27, 2021.

Officer Vernon Swanson was persistent in assisting the inmate. His actions, efforts and continuing attempts in communication resulted in the inmate being released. This inmate's mental and physical condition in a jail setting were causing him unwanted stress, which was leading to his increase anxiety. Officer Swanson should be recognized for his professionalism in resolving this situation.

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Approved by elected official or department head on the 5 day of May, 20 21

  
Signature of Elected Official  
or Department Head

  
Printed Name