Collin County
Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: DONALD RITCHIE

Honoree's Job Title: DEPUTY SHERIFF

Department: SHERIFF'S OFFICE / PATROL

Years of Service with the County: 1

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

SEE ATTACHED MEMO

Approved by elected official or department head on the 29th day of July, 2013

Signature of Elected Official or Department Head

Terry G Box

Printed Name

COLLIN COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
4300 Community Avenue
McKinney, TX 75071

Terry G. Box, Sheriff

To: Lt. Scotty Morrison- CID
From: Sgt. Russell Driver #215
Ref: Commendation- Deputy Donald Ritchie

On June 07, 2013 I sent Patrol a BOLO references a stolen Jet Ski and trailer (CFS #13048678) with attached photos.

On July 15, 2013 Deputy Ritchie responded to Civil Matter at [redacted]. While at the location, Deputy Ritchie was advised by the RP that the owner of the property had a stolen Jet Ski inside a garage. Deputy Ritchie observed the Jet Ski through a garage window. The Jet Ski's hull # was ran through NCIC but showed cleared (The hull # had not been placed into NCIC and is unknown why). Deputy Ritchie also observed (2) outside A/C units inside the garage. Due to no confirmation, Deputy Ritchie had to clear the scene.

The next day, Deputy Ritchie had surgery and was recuperating at his residence when he began looking through his County Emails and came across the BOLO I sent out to Patrol reference the stolen Jet Ski and photos showing the hull#. Deputy Richie, while still recovering surgery, came to the CCSO and spoke with Sgt. Ware and Sgt. Vance. Sgt. Ware had been assigned (2) Theft cases on stolen A/C units the same week.

With Deputy Ritchie's information, Sgt. Ware and Vance responded to the above location and recovered the stolen Jet Ski and stolen A/C units.

I believe Deputy Ritchie went above and beyond his duty to follow-up his observations from information provided by CID (BOLO). Deputy Ritchie personally came to CID to provide this information, even though he had surgery the day prior. This dedication to duty is exemplary and is a great example of hard work and pride.