

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: JD Bigham

Honoree's Job Title: Deputy Chief Investigator

Department: District Attorney

Years of Service with the County: 9 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Although JD just recently joined our office after a distinguished career with the DEA, he added experienced and irreplaceable value in numerous respects during a recent high-profile, racially-charged case. JD effortlessly co-led our investigators and victim assistance coordinators in securing our office and environs, our prosecutors, and our witnesses. Everyone involved felt safe in spite of the unprecedented threat environment. Further, JD secured our victims during the trial, making sure they were safe, yet also providing emotional support. JD handled one of the most difficult victims throughout the trial in a way that should set the standard for securing and supporting victims for the state. In addition, JD always had a ready joke for the trial team to keep them laughing and loose during a difficult trial. He was truly the MVP of the investigator team!

During a Citizen Prosecutor Academy session, a miscommunication left a scheduled presenter unaware and absent. Deputy Chief Bigham quickly and seamlessly volunteered to step in. He spoke for over an hour about his DEA experiences, delivering confident, detailed, and relevant content so smoothly that the class would not have known there had been a problem if it had not later been mentioned.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 17 day of September, 2026.



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Greg Willis

Printed Name