

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Melissa White

Honoree's Job Title: Victim Assistance Coordinator

Department: District Attorney

Years of Service with the County: 13 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On April 20, 2026, during the trial of Marty Griego for continuous sexual abuse of a severely autistic 15-year-old (resulting in a 50-year sentence), Melissa served as victim assistance coordinator. The victim could not testify or be present in the courtroom. Melissa stayed with the victim at all times, coordinated 16 witnesses (including special separation arrangements), assisted Investigator Bowers, and kept the victim and witnesses safe, comfortable, and supported—going far beyond normal responsibilities and playing a key role in the successful outcome.

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