



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS
JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

In the early evening hours of Tuesday, December 1, 2020, Collin County Detention Officer Joseph Quillen, Jr., died after contracting the COVID-19 virus.

Officer Joseph Quillen, Jr, a 6-year U.S. Navy veteran, served as a detention officer in Collin County for 19 years and earned a Master Jailers certification and license.

Well respected by the rank and file, Officer Quillen was a dedicated public servant who was an inspiration to a generation of officers he helped train.

Sheriff Jim Skinner stated, “Joseph was that commensurate professional who led by example, who always completed the task at hand, and who absolutely mastered the difficult work of managing inmates in a large jail. His knowledge, professionalism, and devotion to duty inspired all of his colleagues. Joseph was a loving husband and father, and a true friend to all who knew him. He will truly be missed.”

The men and women of the Collin County Sheriff’s Office ask you to keep the Quillen family in your thoughts and prayers.