

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH  
JULY 2016



July 1, 2016

It is with great pleasure I announce that Officer Jessica Willis has been selected as Employee of the Month for July, 2016.

Officer Willis joined the department on October 14, 2014. She is currently a Patrol Officer assigned to First Shift. Officer Willis was a police officer with the Hannibal (MO) Police Department for two years prior to coming to Quincy. She was nominated for this recognition due to her great work on a Home Invasion/Aggravated Domestic Battery case on May 15, 2016.

At 6:39 a.m. that date, Officer Willis responded to the report of a Home Invasion/Aggravated Domestic Battery. Upon arrival, she located a female victim with significant injuries to her face. The victim reported a male suspect broke into her apartment by removing a screen and opening a window. Once inside, the suspect proceeded to physically assault the victim. Prior to officers' arrival, the suspect had fled the scene in a vehicle. Officer Willis requested EMS the victim. Through statements at the scene from the victim and witnesses, Officer Willis identified the suspect. She had a B.O.L.O. disseminated to local, county and state agencies providing the suspect and vehicle information. Continuing her investigation at Blessing Hospital, Officer Willis learned the victim had a facial fracture and a laceration to her face that had to be medically closed. Upon further speaking with the victim, Officer Willis learned the suspect was from California and had only been in Quincy visiting for three days; he also had a scheduled flight back to California from St. Louis, MO two days later.

Officer Willis subsequently learned that the suspect was in Hannibal, MO. She immediately contacted the State's Attorney Office and was able to quickly obtain a warrant for Home Invasion and Aggravated Domestic Battery. While working through this process, Officer Willis remained in contact with Hannibal P.D., who had surveillance on the suspect's vehicle. Once Officer Willis advised Hannibal P.D. that the warrant was secured, the suspect was taken into custody a short time later. Officer Willis' dogged investigation and determination led to the quick apprehension of this suspect, who had already fled the state, before he could slip further away.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Jessica Willis as the Quincy Police Department's July 2016 Employees of the Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Copley', written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police