

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH MAY 2020



May 1, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

Please join me in congratulating Detective Kevin Taute for being selected as the May 2020 Employee of the Month.

Detective Taute joined the Quincy Police Department on September 10, 2001. He is a graduate of the Illinois Police Corps Academy. He has been a Street Crimes Unit Officer, a patrol officer, is a member of the Emergency Response Team, ILEAS Region 6/7 Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Team, is a juvenile officer, a bike officer, breath alcohol operator, field training officer, and defensive tactics instructor, lead homicide investigator, arson investigator, control and rapid response instructor. He is currently a Detective – Criminal Specialist. During his tenure with the department, he has been Employee of the Month on several occasions. In addition, he has received awards from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for his DUI enforcement.

On 4/16/19, a female reported injuries, including bruising to her face. On 5/19/19, the female reported multiple head injuries which lead her to be hospitalized. Ultimately, after being fearful of doing so, she indicated who was responsible for her injuries. On 7/25/19, the female suffered bruises, abrasions and stab wounds at the hands of this male subject. He was arrested and charged with these crimes. Ultimately the female victim passed away while in the company of the male. It appeared the cases against the male were headed for dismissal. Detective Taute, along with others, conducted numerous follow-up interviews and collected evidence to corroborate these cases to the point where they could be successfully tried without a living victim, a daunting task. Ultimately, a very dangerous person, whose violent tendencies were rapidly escalating, took a plea for 15 years in the Department of Corrections. Detective Taute's work was recognized by an Assistant State's Attorney, who indicated that without the amount of evidence generated, the cases would have been dismissed. This case is just another example of Detective Taute's continued hard work and persistence.

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Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police