

**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2018**



December 1, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

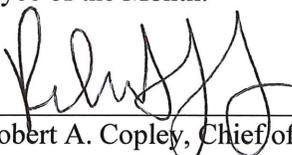
It is with great pleasure that I announce Officer Zach Bemis has been selected as Employee of the Month for December 2018.

Officer Bemis joined the Quincy Police Department on September 14, 2015. He graduated from Police Training Institute on December 17, 2015. In addition to initially serving as a Patrol Officer, Officer Bemis is currently assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. He is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and Emergency Response Team. He received the Quincy Police Department Patrol Officer of the Year Award for 2016 and was previously selected as Employee of the Month for April 2017.

Officer Bemis was nominated for this award due to his work on a burglary investigation that yielded arrests and the recovery of stolen items, including four firearms.

In October 2018, a burglary occurred in rural Taylor, MO, in which several firearms, numerous watches, and a golf cart were stolen. Officer Bemis was given information from the WCITF in reference to a subject possessing the stolen firearms from this burglary and learned of a possible location of the stolen firearms and suspects in the Quincy area. He conducted surveillance on the residence and observed the targets leave the residence and commit a minor traffic violation. As a result of the subsequent traffic stop Officer Bemis arrested the target of the investigation and his brother for possession of methamphetamine. He then furthered the investigation by going back to the residence and gaining consent to search from the occupants. A stolen shotgun was located. Officer Bemis then interviewed the subjects and obtained a confession, also learning the location of several more stolen firearms. After gaining consent to search a storage unit, he retrieved two .357 magnum revolvers and a .338 rifle. During the interviews Officer Bemis also learned about the stolen golf cart and stolen watches. Officer Bemis approached the subject that was believed to be in possession of the golf cart and was able to convince the subject to allow him to seize it. Officer Bemis was later given information about the possible location of the stolen watches and ended up at that location on a domestic disturbance. During the investigation, he obtained consent to search the residence and located the stolen watches.

Officer Bemis' excellent police work and initiative allowed this burglary to be solved and many of the stolen items returned to their owners. Please join me in congratulating Officer Bemis for being selected as the Quincy Police Department's December 2018 Employee of the Month.


Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police