



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION
CHIEF OF POLICE
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To: Detective Crystal Jolley
From: Craig Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: October 25, 2016
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Det. Jolley,

Lt. Dan Ervin recently nominated you for the Medal of Merit Award. The Medal of Merit is awarded to members of the Spokane Police Department who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The meritorious actions must clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected. This service or achievement need not be unique but must be exceptional and superior. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed the nominations, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition. Excerpts from the nomination include:

"On 3/22/16, Det. Jolley was assigned a commercial burglary case where the suspects drove their stolen car into a gas station and took the ATM. Over the next three months these individuals committed several more commercial burglaries where they broke into convenient stores and took lotto tickets. A few hours later they would go to other stores and cash the tickets before the theft was reported to the state. The subjects were wearing masks making it difficult to identify them. Commonly a series of burglaries such as these would be assigned to TCU. However Det. Jolley had extensive knowledge of the primary suspects. As she worked the cases more were occurring. I decided to keep her working these cases because of her knowledge, her tenacity, and skill as an investigator.

Det. Jolley soon developed a suspect for the ATM burglary. She did not have proof so she kept digging for clues. With the assistance of both PACT teams and Det. Haney, volumes of evidence were collected, "much of it video surveillance". She determined that the suspects in many of the cases were wearing the same distinguishable clothing. This is primarily how she tied all of the cases together, and determined there were at least 5 suspects involved. Having prior knowledge of the one suspect, his girlfriend, and the vehicles he commonly drives, Det. Jolley identified the vehicles that were being used. She contacted the Lottery Commission and found out where the stolen lotto tickets were cashed. Using the video from these locations she was able to confirm who the suspects were. She wrote search warrants for the suspect's home and vehicles. The evidence collected proved that the suspects were involved and subsequently made an arrest. Det. Jolley had to use 2 four inch case binders stuffed full to hold all of her investigative paperwork. She spent several weeks talking to victims, sifting through information, listening to phone calls, writing reports, working several outside agencies, and working with the Prosecutor to put these cases together.

Charges were filed on 7 individuals. There were a total of 63 felony charges. The ring leader of this group was charged with Leading Organized Crime. This is not an easy charge to establish but with Det. Jolley's efforts she was able to piece this together. According to the prosecutor, 3 of the suspects are facing 120 month sentences, and 1 of the suspects is looking at a sentence that will exceed his life expectancy. In total, 4 career criminals will cease to victimize this community because of Det. Jolley's extensive tedious work.

Prior to Det. Jolley being assigned to this case we were seeing multiple commercial burglaries in Spokane City and County that had the same MO. Since their arrests, and Det. Jolley's work with the Prosecutor to keep the primary suspects in custody, we have not observed any cases with a similar MO.

Through her work on this case as well as other extensive time consuming cases Det. Jolley has distinguished herself. The success of this case is a meritorious achievement that will bring credit to the department, and greatly impact this community.

Det. Jolley, you have certainly distinguished yourself in the area of meritorious achievement and I am proud to recognize you with the Medal of Merit Award. You will be given the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in 2017. A copy of this document will be placed in your department personnel file.

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police

