

**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2017**



November 1, 2017

It is with great pleasure I announce that Officer Erik Cowick has been selected as Employee of the Month for November 2017.

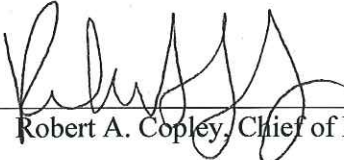
Officer Cowick was hired on December 28, 2015. Officer Cowick graduated from Police Basic Training on March 31, 2016 from the Police Training Institute and has a Bachelor's Degree from SIU-Edwardsville. Officer Cowick is a Patrol Officer and motorcycle officer currently assigned to the day shift. He is in the Army Reserves.

Officer Cowick was nominated for this award due to his work on what was initially a report of a stolen debit card. Through dogged follow up work, he was able to clear other crimes and make several felony arrests.

Initially, Officer Cowick took a burglary to vehicle report in which a debit card and some personal identification were stolen. The debit card was used at a gas station in Missouri. Officer Cowick was able to obtain surveillance video of the suspect and ultimately arrested a Quincy resident for the crime. The initial victim received information from Missouri law enforcement officials about an arrest for Retail Theft in the St. Louis area. Officer Cowick determined that the victim's stolen ID was used by an arrestee during the booking process for Retail Theft in St. Louis County. Officer Cowick obtained the booking photo of the arrestee and with the help of Officer Hermsmeier was able to establish her identity. Another female resident of Quincy was arrested for Identity Theft. Officer Cowick obtained consent to search the residence where the subject was arrested. During the search, over \$5,000 worth of stolen property was recovered that was taken from the burglary of a local business. While the search was being conducted another subject arrived at the residence. Officer Cowick interviewed that person on the scene and got him to admit his involvement in the burglary. This subject was also arrested. Contact was made with the owner of the business and a report was taken and property returned. There is also a pending arrest on another subject for this business burglary.

Officer Cowick took a common, every day case and pursued it to make several arrests of individuals who undoubtedly are responsible for other crimes in our community. This is but one example of his dedication to duty and the citizens of our community.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Erik Cowick as the Quincy Police Department's November 2017 Employee of the Month.


Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police