

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



February 1, 2018

It is with great pleasure I announce that Officer Dave Distin has been selected as Employee of the Month for February 2018.

Officer Distin joined the department on February 9, 2009. He graduated from PTI on March 29, 2007. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University. He was selected as Employee of the Month in July of 2009, April of 2013, and March of 2017. In addition, he has received two certificates from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists due to DUI arrests. He received a Letter of Commendation at the 2018 Department Meeting due to his actions on a burglary. He is a member of the Mobile Field Force Team and Project Life Saver.

On 12-24-17 at 2149 hours, Office Distin and other officers were sent to 2501 Broadway for an aggravated battery report. Upon arrival, the suspect fled the scene on foot while leaving his vehicle in the parking lot. While searching the area for the suspect, he returned to his vehicle and was subsequently arrested for aggravated battery and DUI. While Officer Distin was on scene, he observed 3-\$100 bills on the floorboard of the suspect's vehicle. After the suspect was transported to QPD for booking, officers noticed a picture from gas station surveillance footage in the squad room of a male subject who has passed counterfeit \$100 bills at a gas station earlier this same day. This subject appeared to also be suspect in booking. Officer Distin then interviewed the suspect in regard to this investigation. The suspect admitted to being at the gas station earlier in the day and paying for items with a \$100 bill. As the interview continued, the suspect made the statement "Why are you asking me about the counterfeit \$100 bills." At no time had Officer Distin mentioned anything to the suspect about counterfeit money. After being told he would be arrested, the suspect then requested an attorney.

Based on all of this information, Officer Distin prepared and was granted a search warrant to retrieve the 3-\$100 bills from the suspect's vehicle. After executing the search warrant, the money retrieved from his vehicle was indeed counterfeit and all three had the same serial number. In addition, the serial numbers on the money from the suspect's vehicle matched the same serial numbers as the ones that were passed at the gas station earlier in the day. The suspect was eventually also arrested for forgery, for possessing and passing the counterfeit money. Officer Distin, with the assistance of other officers on his squad, conducted a thorough investigation resulting in an arrest for forgery after QPD had been receiving multiple reports of counterfeit \$100 bills being passed in Quincy. Officer Distin stayed over on his shift into Christmas morning, showing his dedication to completing his investigation. Please join me in congratulating Officer Distin in being selected as the February Employee of the Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Copley". The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police