



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2025

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting

SUBMITTED BY: Chief Perry

AGENDA CAPTION: Employee commendations Presented by:
Steve Perry , Police Chief

Background Information

On Thursday, February 20, 2025, Sgt. Chris Silvi was dispatched to a theft call in the new Southaven housing addition. Sgt. Silvi observed the suspect vehicle attempting to flee the area west on the abandoned West Cleveland Rd. Sgt. Silvi made a traffic stop on the vehicle and upon investigating the call made two arrest and recovered stolen lumber.

On February 16, 2025, Sgt. Phelps and Officer Officers J. Ramirez were dispatched to 1019 S IH 45 (Melissa Valley Transport) in the City of Hutchins, Dallas County, TX in regard to cargo theft. Prior to arrival dispatch advised two trucks and trailers were stolen at approximately 2200 hours on 02/15/2025 and two trucks and trailers were stolen at approximately 0600 hours on 02/16/2025. Sgt. Phelps and Ramirez immediately began an investigation that led to the recovery of \$ 900.000.00 of stolen freight from the Melissa Valley lot.

Citizen commendation:

I just wanted to send a huge 'Thank You' to your officers for finding my 17-year-old son, John Lazarus, on Monday afternoon/evening. We live in Wylie, and he left for school before I got up for work. As I was getting around, I noticed he had left his phone behind. Then I saw his school ID. That's not completely unusual but I did start to wonder...He has a girlfriend who lives in Houston, and he had been in a foul mood for about a week. I got to work and decided to check his attendance for the day, and he had been marked absent from his 3rd period class. I thought that maybe he had skipped riding home and got his phone. When I checked a couple of hours later, he was showing absent from FOUR classes. That's when I began to panic. I could see his location if he had his phone on him, but he didn't. I also knew that he had no money. He did have his MacBook, however, so on the off chance that he might stop somewhere with WIFI, I called my older son who lives in Tulsa and asked him to try to message him. Around 5pm, he finally heard back from him. John even sent him a screenshot of his bike route and it looked like he was near Hutchins. On the advice of a friend who is a former Wylie police officer, I called your dispatch immediately. I believe I spoke with someone named Brittany. She was very kind and patient as she took down all my information (through my tears!) and my son's description. She said she would call me if the officers contacted John. I was so scared for him and was hoping he hadn't left the area. Twenty minutes later, Brittany called me back to tell me the good news. I was able to get down there before 7pm and was so relieved to see him! The officer who I spoke with was also very kind (but as I had been such a wreck, I don't remember his name and I'm sorry about that!). I couldn't have asked for a better outcome! I'm truly grateful for your team's help and thoughtfulness. I'm

a single mom just doing what I can, and I felt so awful that John felt the need to run away from his perceived problems. He has seemed to learn quite a bit from his experience Monday, so hopefully we've turned the corner. Again, my heartfelt thanks to all those involved in finding him. Alodie

Budget Implications

Operational Impact

Legal Review

Staff Recommendation

Supporting Documentation and Attachments