

Habersham County Sheriff's Department Employee Commendation Form

Employee Name: Justin McClain Badge#: 129 Date of Incident: 01/22/2025

Bureau/Division: Uniform Patrol Date Prepared: 01/27/2025

Brief Synopsis of Incident:

On 01-22-2025, Deputy McClain was assisting with a missing ninety seven year of age female on Goshen Mountain Rd. The female had last been seen walking from her residence, assisted by her walking cane at 01:30 a.m. She was said to be wearing thin pants and a blue coat in approximately ten to twelve degree temperature.

While other units were awaiting arrival of Emergency Services for drone purposes and Banks County K-9 for tracking purposes, Deputy McClain continued to survey the surrounding area. While doing so, Deputy McClain was able to locate the female at 05:04 a.m. lying on the ground near the woodline. The female was approximately twenty yards from the road and fifty to seventy five yards from her residence and had thought to be there for several hours.

When Deputy McClain made contact with the female, she was alert, concious, and breathing - but extremely cold. The female stated that she had tripped and was unable to get back up, so she had been lying there until found by law enforcement. The female was released to Emergency Services and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

(All documentation should be included with this form)

Note: Each employee's supervisor up to and including the Sheriff should sign action recommendation form.
The employee should be given a copy of the completed action form and sign it.

Immediate Supervisor's Recommendation:

As an organization, we must value and recognize work that is above and beyond expected of our personnel. In this instance, Deputy McClain was able to to locate a missing elderly female in frigid temperatures, likely saving her life. Deputy McClain should be publicly recognized for the outstanding work he did during this incident.


Supervisor's Signature

01/27/2025
Date

Reviewed and Approved by:


Comments:

1) _____
Signature Date


2) _____
Signature Date

3) Major Tyler Moss 01-27-2025
Signature Date

outstanding work!!!

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Sheriff's Signature Date 1/28/25

Great work!!!

Receipt Acknowledged:  129
Employee's Signature Date 1-29-25

Recognition - Peer for Justin McClain

Occurred: Jan 27th, 2025

Recognition - Peer for McClain, Justin

Entered: Jan 27th, 2025

Entered By: Wurtz, Matt

Document Body

On 012225 Deputy McClain was dispatched to a residence on Goshen Mountain Rd, Batesville, Ga for a missing 97 year old lady. The female was last seen at approximately 0130 hours earlier this date. She was seen on her in house cameras walking out of the house. The female walks with the assistance of a cane. She was wearing very thin pants and a blue coat when she left the residence. It was between 10 and 12 degrees outside that morning. Habersham Emergency Services, two other Deputies and myself were on scene waiting for a K-9 and drone to arrive to assist in searching the area. Deputy McClain continued to ride in the area in his patrol car to attempt to locate the female. At 0504 hours Deputy McClain located the female in the wood line approximately 20 from the roadway and about 50 to 75 yards from the residence. The female was alert conscious and breathing, when Deputy McClain located her. She told Deputy McClain she had tripped and couldn't get back up and she was just cold. Ems responded to the scene and transported the female to the Habersham County Medical Center due to her being exposed to the cold for that amount of time.

The persistence of Deputy McClain showed in looking for this female shows the professionalism and dedication he has for the public and this department. Deputy McClain locating this female may have saved this females life.

The family was grateful for the job of all the Public Safety Personnel that responded to this scene but specifically of Deputy McClain for locating their family member.

Comment by Moss, Ty on Jan 27th, 2025

Excellent work on this, McClain! Incidents such as these demonstrate the pride, professionalism, and dedication that our personnel should always strive for!