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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – PCSO Announces Quarterly Performance Award Recipients

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) is pleased to announce the recipients of its first-ever Quarterly Performance Awards: Deputy Bill Harris (Commissioned) and Deputy Kathy Caves (Non-Commissioned).

"I am proud of both of these deputies and would like to congratulate them on the fine job they are doing for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and our community," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "It is this type of initiative, perseverance, and dedication to duty that makes me proud to be your Sheriff. We had so many worthy applicants that the selection for this first round of awards was very challenging and I look forward to awarding many more of our worthy deputies in the future.

Deputy Bill Harris was selected for his outstanding leadership in solving several Putnam County burglaries that were being committed by a group of students at Cookeville High School. These burglaries were being worked by investigators from the PCSO, Monterey Police Department, Cookeville Police Department and Algood Police Department. All of these agencies were being affected by the burglaries. Deputy Harris was able to recover stolen property and get admission of guilt from several of the students involved and assist the other agencies with solving other burglaries within their jurisdictions. In addition, on October 31, 2014, Deputy Harris received information that a student at Cookeville High School was in possession of a pistol. Acting with the information available, he was able to locate the student and recover the pistol without further incident. He also obtained a confession from the student who had the pistol.

Deputy Kathy Caves was selected for her outstanding leadership in the Corrections Division of the Putnam County Jail. Thanks to her willingness to give 110% as we started our female work-crews, the program is a success and will continue to expand now that the weather has improved. Regardless of the need or request, Deputy Caves is always happy to give her all to make things run smoothly at the jail.

The Quarterly Performance Awards are judged by an independent panel of prominent Putnam County citizens who serve on our Citizen's Strategic Advisory Council. Nominations are received from our command staff in each of the divisions within the Department. The next Quarterly Performance Awards will be announced at the end of June 2015.

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