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1st and 2nd Quarter Performance Awards

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the Jerry Dale Abston Quarterly Performance Award recipients for both 1st and 2nd quarters of 2016.

"It is always hard to pick just one deputy in each category per quarter for these awards," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "We have so many dedicated deputies in the department who work hard each and every day that it is a singular honor for these individuals to have been selected. They truly embody the values, mission and vision of our department."

1st Quarter:

Commissioned: Detective Kendall Hargis

Non-Commissioned: Lonnie Barnett

Detective Kendall Hargis maintained the largest case load in the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) during the 1st quarter of 2016. He also worked very closely with the Patrol Division, assisting in answering calls when Patrol was busy. Detective Hargis is always eager and willing to provide assistance to his co-workers and other agencies. He takes initiative and is knowledgeable about criminal activity in the county which has helped alert him to things happening in the community. He also exhibits a professional and caring demeanor with victims. It is this type of dedication and determination that we are proud to recognize in this Department.

Deputy Lonnie Barnett is a senior dispatcher with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Recently, he was instrumental in assisting with the location of an endangered person whom it was feared would inflict harm upon themselves. Due to Lonnie's knowledge of cell phones, he was able to use the cell phone's GPS technology to guide the deputies to the individual's location. Lonnie's quick thinking and dedication was instrumental in the location of the individual.

2nd Quarter:

Commissioned: Deputy Jennifer White

Non-Commissioned: Charlotte Clayburn

Deputy Jennifer White of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit was selected as a 2nd Quarter recipient due to her exceptional handling of K9 Remi during a CID investigation of a recent burglary where they were instrumental in locating a weapon that was taken in the burglary. Deputy White and her K9 Remi were able to successfully locate the weapon in a wooded area not far from where the burglary occurred.

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Deputy Charlotte Clayburn, a valued dispatcher for the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, was instrumental in assisting in the location of an endangered person whom it was feared would inflict harm upon themselves. Charlotte's quick thinking and dedication was instrumental in the location of the individual.

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