



Upper Darby Township Police Department Office of the Superintendent of Police



Date: January 8, 2024

To: All Police Personnel

From: Timothy M. Bernhardt
Superintendent of Police *T.M.B.*

Subject: Outstanding Employee – Fourth Quarter 2023

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Officer Joseph Cristello #57** as the recipient.

Lieutenant Sean Kenny #737 wrote in his nomination of Officer Joseph Cristello the following:

On October 24, 2023, members of the Patrol Division, 2nd Platoon, were assigned to a robbery detail due to numerous gun point robberies in the Sector 1 area of the township. Officer Joseph Cristello #57 was assigned to this detail and was to monitor the area of the 7000 block of Ludlow Street in an unmarked vehicle while a marked police vehicle flooded the surrounding area. At approximately 2042 hours, Officer Cristello's patience paid off and he observed two subjects whose clothing matched the description of prior actors. Officer Cristello continued to monitor the subjects and built additional probable cause while calling for Officers Nichols Moriconi #145 and Corey Hansen #131, who were also assigned to the detail, to assist. The officers then coordinated to conduct a pedestrian stop and both males fled with one immediately discarding a firearm. With numerous officers already in the area, the subject was quickly taken into custody and the firearm was recovered. The subject was then determined to be a juvenile and was not eligible to possess a firearm.

Because of your professionalism and dedication to duty, you are recognized as Outstanding Employee for the Fourth Quarter of 2023.