



Upper Darby Township Police Department Office of the Superintendent of Police



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To: All Police Personnel

From: Timothy M. Bernhardt
Superintendent of Police *TMB*

Subject: Outstanding Employee – First Quarter 2025

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Detective Gerald Pucci** as the recipient.

On Monday, March 10, 2025, at 1724 hours, officers from the Upper Darby Township Police Department responded to reports of shots fired at the 2nd Ward Playground. Upon arrival, police found fired cartridge casings in the area but had no description of the shooter(s). Officers identified a nearby residence with surveillance cameras, but the residents were unable to operate them.

Detective Pucci conducted a crime scene investigation and an extensive canvass for additional video footage. Through this effort, he identified a black male with a thin build, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt (hood up), gray sweatpants, and white sneakers, who was seen picking up a handgun from a picnic table. A second black male was also seen walking inside the park near the basketball court and flagpole. This individual was later captured on surveillance video concealing something under the left side of his jacket, and shortly afterward, he was observed assuming a shooting stance with his hands raised.

Still images from the surveillance footage were shown to staff at the Upper Darby School District, who helped identify the two individuals involved. With this information, a search warrant was executed at a residence, where a firearm was recovered. Both individuals were identified and charged in connection with the shooting investigation.

Detective Pucci showed perseverance in conducting extensive video canvassing, which was crucial in identifying the suspects. Collaboration with the Upper Darby School District staff led to the identification of the individuals involved. The seizure of the firearm contributes to the safety of the community. This award recognizes Detective Pucci's dedication and exemplary efforts in solving a complex case.

Because of your professionalism and dedication to duty, you are recognized as Outstanding Employee for the First Quarter 2025.