

# 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR OFFICER MYLISSA COLEMAN

Officer Mylissa Coleman was selected as the Employee of the Quarter, for the fourth quarter in 2004 and was later selected as Employee of the Year.

On November 24, 2004, Officer Mylissa Coleman dispatched herself on a sexual assault call at Holy Family Hospital. After obtaining the initial information, she contacted Sergeant Warren and told him that she believed there was much more to the incident. Officer Coleman took it upon herself to do more follow-up with the victim and provided extraordinary support to that victim when other officers might have only taken the report. Using good tactics, she held the warrant, wanting to find the suspect home for an interview prior to serving the warrant.



When the suspect did not return home during her scheduled shift hours, Officer Coleman personally made sure that Detectives were aware of the search warrant's existence and the suspected nature of the incident. When Officer Coleman returned to work four days later, she immediately checked on the status of the investigation and found that the warrant had not been served. Not wanting the warrant to expire, Officer Coleman continued the investigation. The suspect was contacted, a tactically sound interview was conducted, the warrant was served with probable critical evidence being recovered and the suspect was arrested.

Officer Coleman's instincts proved to be absolutely correct. Once the information about the suspect's arrest became public, dozens of similar allegations started streaming in. Based on the volume of allegations relating to the suspect's method of operation, it is believed that Officer Coleman's efforts identified a prolific serial rapist that had been victimizing women for a long period of time.

Officer Coleman's intuition and exceptional effort is representative of the highest standards that can be asked of a police officer and this effort is quite deserving of recognition. Officer Coleman was presented her Employee of the Year plaque at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2005.

