

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR DEPUTIES PATRICK COVENY,
ANTHONY KELLY, MARCUS O’SULLIVAN, CURTIS DANIEL, RICHARD WINKLER,
AND SAMANTHA SCHILL (NOT PICTURED)**



SHORTLY BEFORE FOUR P.M. NOVEMBER 19TH, 2010 THE OCSO GOT A REPORT OF AN ARMED MAN WEARING A SKI MASK ROBBING “ FIRST CITY BANK OF FLORIDA” IN MARY ESTHER.

THE ROBBER TOOK OFF IN A WHITE SEDAN WITH NO LICENSE PLATE, HEADING WEST ON HIGHWAY 98 WITH MORE THAN SIX-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN STOLEN CASH.

DEPUTY PATRICK COVENEY, WHO WAS HEADING EAST, SPOTTED THE CAR AND TRIED TO MAKE A TRAFFIC STOP, BUT THE SUSPECT KEPT GOING.

DEPUTY SAM SCHILL JOINED IN THE PURSUIT AND BOTH DEPUTIES GAVE DETAILS TO OTHERS WHO WERE RESPONDING.

THE SUSPECT CRASHED NEAR HURLBURT FIELD’S FLIGHT LINE AND RAN ON FOOT INTO A NEARBY MARSH. DEPUTIES COVENEY AND TONY KELLY CHASED HIM BUT LOST SIGHT OF HIM IN NEARBY WOODS, SO A PERIMETER WAS SET UP. DEPUTY SCHILL STAYED WITH THE SUSPECT’S CAR TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE.

DEPUTIES MARCUS O’SULLIVAN, RICHARD WINKLER, AND CURTIS DANIEL WERE ABLE TO LISTEN TO NOISES IN THE WOODS AND TRACK DOWN THE SUSPECT.

THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF ALL SIX DEPUTIES LED TO HIS ARREST AND THE RECOVERY OF NEARLY ALL THE STOLEN MONEY ...ENDING A POTENTIALLY VIOLENT SITUATION AND RECOVERING VITAL EVIDENCE.

THEIR ACTIONS REFLECT HIGHLY ON THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION TO DUTY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.