



**BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD**

**OFFICER MARK THOMPSON**

On January 2, 2014 midnight shift Officers Thompson, Lagueux and Veach investigated and arrested a serial burglary suspect while responding to an activated alarm at BriAry Hair Salon on Deming Road. The career burglar had forced entry into a vacant adjoining business overnight and had tunneled through a wall to avoid the salon's alarm system. The suspect set off a motion detector and attempted to escape before police arrival. Officer Veach followed the suspect's footprints in fresh snow and located evidence some distance away from the burglary. Officer Veach alerted Officers Thompson and Lagueux of the suspect's last known direction. Officer Thompson located the suspect who resisted arrest while being taken into custody. Officer Lagueux quickly arrived and assisted Officer Thompson in controlling and handcuffing the struggling burglar. The suspect was a fugitive with an extraditable warrant for parole violation, a lengthy criminal history and was identified as the chief suspect in six similar salon burglaries from September – December 2013 in Newington, Connecticut. His capture put an end to his crime spree.

In recognition of his performance of duties in this investigation, Officer Mark Thompson is awarded the **Department Service Award**.

*Chief Paul Fitzgerald*

*May 7, 2014*



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## **GOOD CONDUCT AWARD**

### **OFFICER MARK THOMPSON**

Officer Mark Thompson began his career in 1988 by graduating first in his class at the Municipal Police Training Academy. As a result, expectations of him were high. A review of his personnel file evidences the fact that he has met those expectations. Police Chiefs have recognized his high level of performance with the Valor Award, Merit Award, the Lifesaving Award, the Department Service Award, and numerous letters of commendation for jobs well-done. Supervisors recognize him as an officer who can always be depended on to carry out his assignments, investigate cases to completion, and whose good nature contributes to a positive work environment. Co-workers recognize him as an officer who backs them up on their calls, assists them with their cases, and who is always there when needed. Citizens recognize him as an officer who responds quickly when they call, does his best to solve their problems, and who is caring and empathetic. Officer Thompson's personnel file is full of letters from citizens commending him for his medical assistance, his accident investigations and his criminal investigations on their behalf. Absent from his file are complaints.

On a daily basis, Officer Mark Thompson sets an example for other members of the Department of what they should strive for as police officers. For this, he is recognized with the **Good Conduct Award**.

*Chief Paul Fitzgerald*

*May 7, 2014*