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Boynton Beach Police Department announces its officer, detective and civilian employees of the year

The Boynton Beach Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Bill Tome has been chosen as the 2009 Uniform Services Officer of the Year; Detective Peter Zampini is the 2009 Detective of the Year; and Evidence Custodian Rebecca Moore is the 2009 Civilian of the Year.

Officer Bill Tome

For 22 years, Officer Bill Tome has guided and molded the minds, bodies and spirits of generations of children in the Boynton Beach community. As director of the Boynton Beach Police Department's Police Athletic League program, he has coached kids to win state and national basketball and football championships, requiring them to stay in school and keep their grades up in order to play. Many of his athletes have received college scholarships and gone on to play in the NFL and NBA.

Tome began his career with the Boynton Beach Police Department in 1987, serving five years as a road patrol officer before being assigned the task of creating Recreation Athletics and Police (R.A.P.), which later became the Police Athletic League.

Tome hit the ground running, equipped with only a station wagon and a desire to make a difference. He gained the community's trust and respect, and in the years since, many of his students have come back to volunteer for PAL or have their kids involved in the program.

And those who have gone on to play professionally come back every summer for the Mike Rumph Football Camp. Rumph, a retired NFL defensive back who played on PAL's inaugural football team, started the camp seven years ago as a way of giving back to the program that helped him achieve his dream of playing in the pros.

In July 2009, the Ezell Hester Center's football field and scoreboard was renamed the Bill Tome Sports Complex, ensuring that his legacy will live on long after his retirement later this year.

Detective Peter Zampini

Detective Peter Zampini is assigned to the Property/Economic Crimes Division of Investigative Services.

In 2009, his efforts dismantled an identity theft ring that defrauded dozens of victims throughout South Florida

The investigation, dubbed Operation Decoder Ring, led to charges against 10 people on more than 70 counts of organized scheme to defraud, grand theft, criminal use of personal identification, forgery, unauthorized sale and possession of fictitious drivers license, fraudulent use of credit cards, use of re-encoder to defraud and dealing in stolen property.

His investigative tactics also led to the arrest of a man who preyed on elderly women in shopping center parking lots, stealing their purses from the shopping cars as they loaded items into their cars.

Detective Zampini has also been instrumental in identifying and obtaining state-of-the-art surveillance and electronic evidence equipment for the division. He continually researches the field for practical

devices needed to combat today's criminals.

The electronic age has made new avenues available for suspects to fraudulently obtain money and property from individuals. Detective Zampini's diligence has ensured that the Boynton Beach Police Department is able to close the gap on these suspects by locating equipment to readily identify and gather crucial case evidence.

Evidence Custodian Rebecca Moore

In January 2008, Evidence Custodian Rebecca Moore was bar-coding old evidence to be put into the computer system when she came across a cold case from 1983 involving the rape of a 3-year-old girl in Boynton Beach.

After reviewing the list of evidence, Moore thought further investigation was required due to new forensic technology. She mentioned the case to a crime scene tech, who started a forensic review. Trace evidence was discovered and sent to the PBSO lab.

DNA tests confirmed that Walter Earl Taylor is the man who sexually battered the toddler on September 28, 1983. Taylor, who had since moved to Lake City, was arrested and brought back to Palm Beach County. He remains in the Palm Beach County jail.

Taylor is a registered sex offender who was released from prison in 2001 after serving almost 14 years for the 1986 rape of a child.

Moore was hired in November 2005 at a time when the department's evidence room needed a lot of fine-tuning. Several items of evidence from years past had not been updated into the new bar code system and there were masses of old evidence that required research into dispositions for possible disposal. She has worked diligently to sort through the masses and organize all evidence.

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