

**Habersham County Sheriff's Department
Employee Commendation Form**

Employee Name: Andra Townsend

Badge: 126

Date of Incident: 01/11/2026

Division: Uniform Patrol

Date Prepared: 01/11/2026

Brief Synopsis of Incident:

On 01/11/2026 at approximately 0830 hours, Deputy Andra Townsend was dispatched to an address in Alto, GA in reference to a Domestic Dispute with unknown information due to the caller being third party.

Deputy Townsend arrived on scene and discovered a female being held inside the residence by a male. As the scene progressed and Deputy Townsend gathered information, she was able to create a line of communication with the male through a window on the front porch. As the communication continued Deputy Townsend was able to get the male to confirm he had a handgun on him and in his hand. (during this entire time the female was sitting in a chair in the same room with the male) Deputy Townsend continued to communicate with the male in a patient and professional manner continually building trust and eventually leading to the male subject placing the gun on a counter. Deputy Townsend continued building the trust with the male and was eventually able to get him to let her inside the residence to speak with him and ensure the female was ok, which lead to other deputies being able to gain access and take the male into custody without any injury to any civilians, or deputies, as well as no property being damaged or destroyed.

During the above-described scene that was presented to Deputy Townsend which consisted of an armed barricaded subject with a hostage, the various avenues of violence and harm to civilians and Law Enforcement was endless. However, as described in the brief above, Deputy Townsend remained calm, professional, and patient, which allowed the situation to be resolved peacefully.

Immediate Supervisor's Recommendation:

Deputy Townsend went above and beyond what is and was required of her. She showed compassion and patience in a situation that (by law) could justify an extreme amount of force to include deadly force. Therefore, Deputy Andra Townsend #126 should be and is noticed for A JOB WELLDONE!


Supervisor's Signature

1/14/26
Date

Reviewed and Approved by:

1) _____
Signature Date

2) _____
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3) MM - #104 01-14-2026
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4) [Signature] 1/14/26
Sheriff's Signature Date

outstanding work!
Keep being a positive
reflection of the organization!

Great Job!

Receipt Acknowledged:

[Signature]
Employee's Signature

1/14/2026
Date