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PKS Officer Recognized By Homeland Security

By Police Chief Ryan Thompson

In December, Detective Sergeant Cory Bishop received a letter of appreciation and an award from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) for his work investigating and prosecuting child exploitation. The award was presented by HSI Resident Agent in Charge Mike Ortiz.

In addition to his duties as a Detective Sergeant and Community Resource Officer in Pine Knoll Shores, Sgt. Bishop has been a sworn Task Force Officer with Homeland Security Investigations since 2019 and has been primarily tasked with the investigation of child exploitation throughout Eastern North Carolina. He

also works on an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and routinely assists our sheriff's office with similar types of investigations throughout Carteret County.

Investigations involving child exploitation are some of the most mentally taxing crimes that a law enforcement officer can investigate, and it takes a special type of person to help bring these offenders to justice. Cooperation and resource sharing between local, state and federal law enforcement organizations is critically important. Child exploitation investigations can be time consuming and routinely involve multiple

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Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) Resident Agent in Charge Mike Ortiz (left) presents certificate of appreciation to Sgt. Cory Bishop.—Photo by Ryan Thompson