



Detective Jay Gow

Bradenton Police Department

Detective Gow began his police career as a patrol officer in 1996 when he was 20 years old. After only two years on patrol, he was asked to become a field training officer for the agency. As a field training officer, he was tasked to train all new officers for the department. Approximately four years later, he was selected to join the department's Safe Streets unit, which specialized in targeting violent crimes associated with narcotics and firearms. He remained on several specialized units throughout the next 11 years of his career relating to violent crimes. He was then selected as a plain-clothes (shirt and tie) detective working on various crimes in 2017. As a detective, he started working property crimes (thefts and burglaries), but quickly showed exceptional investigative skills and was promoted to crimes against persons (robberies and assault and battery) cases.

He is currently assigned as a Grade 1 Detective in his 28th year with the Bradenton Police Department. However, he became a career Grade 1 Detective in 2020. He has done an outstanding job throughout his entire career. Just this year, he was assigned 251 cases to review and investigate. He led the detective division in arrests his first year as a detective and every year since he started. He is very reliable and often assists supervision with tasks and assignments. He regularly assists the patrol division and other surrounding agencies if they have any questions regarding their cases.

Detective Gow has demonstrated his ability to investigate any case assigned to him or that he is called out to investigate. A few examples in this past year of various types of cases he has demonstrated his superb investigative skills on which resulted in arrest are under Bradenton Police Department Cases #23-8664 aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; #23-757 simple battery; #23-8853 burglary; #23-7459 motor vehicle theft; #23-4191 robbery with firearm; #23-9659 child abuse; #23-10118 sexual assault; #23-6403 fraud; #23-7764 narcotics; #23-4665 grand theft \$10,000-\$20,000; #23-7357 violation of probation; #23-8779 false report of a bomb; #23-9520 defrauding a pawnbroker; #23-9667 missile: shooting into a dwelling; and #23-8186 sodomy victim over 12 years old. During these investigations, he developed suspects from minimal information and evidence collected from the scenes. Through several different investigative Manatee Tiger Bay January 17, 2024, Page 2 techniques, he made arrests, wrote *capias* requests, or drafted arrest warrants on several cases he was assigned to investigate. He made a total of 53 arrests from these cases, which involved both property and persons crimes during the 2023 year.

The one case where Detective Gow showed his experience and excellent investigative skills was under Bradenton Police Department case #23-8973, which was a bank robbery. In this case, he responded to investigate a bank-robbery-in-progress call in which he volunteered to be the lead detective. Upon his

arrival, he took charge of the scene and was able to delegate assignments to other detectives. He called for K-9 to respond to track the suspect, who fled the bank on foot. He immediately ensured civilians, officers, and detectives did not contaminate the scene to preserve evidence. He directed CSI to take photos and gather the appropriate evidence for his case. He had several detectives respond to local businesses to obtain video footage of the suspect. Through several investigative techniques, he was able to identify the suspect and locate his home address. He drafted a search warrant at the suspect's residence and found plenty of incriminating evidence used during the bank robbery. Detective Gow drafted a search warrant as the suspect could not be located. He continued to search for the suspect, who was later found and arrested. He did a tremendous job on this case and cleared it with an arrest.

No matter which type of case he is investigating, he continually keeps excellent communications with all parties involved and has a good rapport with our community. During his investigations he shows compassion and professionalism when dealing with all victims and their families. He has proven that he is an invaluable asset who is relied upon by his supervisors and co-workers daily. Since 2006, Detective Gow has made 1,082 arrests related to various crimes. Detective Gow continues to show his dedication to the City of Bradenton, its citizens, and our Police Department.