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Officer of the Month

The Greenwich Police Department has selected Police Officer Sean Hughes, as it's recipient of the Officer of the Month for September 2006.

On August 22, 2006 while on routine patrol in the Riverside/Old Greenwich area of town, Officer Hughes entered the West End Avenue municipal parking lot proceeding to the southwestern section of the lot when he observed a blue pick-up truck back from a parking space and drive away at an unusual speed and exit the parking lot.

Officer Hughes became suspicious of the driver's actions and conducted a computer check of the registration plate with CTDMV and discovered that the registered owner of the truck was a registered sex offender with the State of Connecticut, Ernest M. Drupals.

Based on the information developed and given that the truck was parked in the southwest corner of the parking lot adjacent to the ball field of the Old Greenwich Elementary School where children were playing, Officer Hughes conducted a motor vehicle stop.

A subsequent investigation conducted by Officer Hughes revealed that the subject was on probation with stipulations on his release.

On August 29, 2006 an arrest warrant was executed against Drupals at his residence, charging him with violating the terms of his probation.

Officer Hughes' keen observations and diligent work efforts led to the arrest of a registered sex offender, who otherwise might have preyed on our young children in the community.

Congratulations, to Officer Hughes on a job well done.