Two detectives who oversaw one of the most high-profile crimes in the Territory’s recent history have been recognised for their work.

Detective Constable First Class Andrea Davis and Senior Constable Tanya Larsen-Smith were yesterday awarded the NT Police Commissioner’s Policing Excellence Medal for their work on the Nicholas “Shonky” Cassidy investigation. Constable Davis was one of the first officers on the accident scene, and both worked tirelessly over the next four years to achieve a conviction.

Constable Davis, a born-and-bred Darwin woman and second-generation police officer, said she was “humbled” to receive the award.

“There wasn’t a stone unturned, and there wasn’t much we didn’t get tested on (in court).”

Sen-Constable Larsen-Smith now works in the Major Crime division, while Constable Davis is doing a 12-month stint as an instructor in the college.

They were two of 38 recipients of awards at a ceremony at the Peter McAulay Centre at Berrimah.

Sen-Constable Tim Sandry received a Commissioner’s Commendation for his role in the arrest of Jonathon Andrew Stenberg, who had fled to the Territory because he was wanted for murder in NSW.

Sen-Constable Sandry “chanced upon” Stenberg and was able to notify the TRG without alerting him.

Stenberg was then arrested.

Constable First Class Patriccia Whiting was presented with a Commissioner’s Letter of Recognition after she arrested an agitated passenger on board a Virgin flight to Darwin from Brisbane while off-duty in September 2014.

The plane was diverted to Townsville. After handing over the man to police, a search of the man’s hand luggage found a serrated knife.