

### Sgt. Fuzz Honors ISP

ISP was recently contacted by the St. Paul (MN) Police Department on behalf of their First Responder Therapy K9, Sgt. Fuzz. Sgt. Fuzz wears two different law enforcement patches on his vest each week to honor his fellow law enforcement officers.

Earlier this month, Sgt. Fuzz proudly wore the ISP patch while completing his assignments.

Thank you, Sgt. Fuzz (and K9 handler Kathryn Smith), for your valuable contribution to your community!



## Retiree Edition

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*Brendan F. Kelly—Director*

## ISP Arrests Monticello Man for Dissemination of Child Pornography

**MONTICELLO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 5 arrested 39-year-old William C. Griswold of Monticello, IL today for Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony).

On August 13, 2024, ISP conducted a residential search warrant in Monticello in reference to multiple Cyber Tips received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding child pornography. Prior to the search warrant, ISP special agents took William C. Griswold into custody and transported him to the Piatt County Jail.



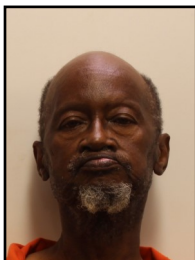
This investigation was a collaborative effort between the Illinois Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Piatt County State's Attorney's Office, the Monticello Police Department, and ISP.

Anonymous tips of child pornography can also be reported through the NCMEC CyberTipline at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com). To keep kids safe online, learn more at: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/onlinesafe/>; [www.cybertipline.org](http://www.cybertipline.org) ; For resources for survivors of sexual abuse visit: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources> .

## ISP Arrests Man for Washington Park Murder

**WASHINGTON PARK** – Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigations Zone 6 announces the arrest of 61-year-old Vincent E. Brown of Belleville, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) stemming from a deadly shooting earlier this week.

On August 11, 2024, Zone 6 agents were requested by the Washington Park Police Department to investigate a homicide that occurred in the 5000 block of N. Park Drive in Washington Park. 66-year-old Leon Richardson of Washington Park was found deceased from a gunshot wound.



After an intense investigation, ISP agents identified Brown as the shooter. On August 15, 2024, less than a week after the murder occurred, ISP agents located Brown's vehicle, conducted a traffic stop, and took him into custody in Madison, IL. The case was presented to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office and the murder charge was filed. Brown is being held at the St. Clair County Jail. There is no further information.



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## ISP Makes Arrest for First Degree Murder in Expressway Shooting

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 East Violent Crimes Unit charged 20-year-old Sean Richardson of Chicago, IL with three counts of First-Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and three counts of Attempted First-Degree Murder (Class X Felony).

On February 19, 2023, at approximately 10:27 p.m., ISP was notified of an expressway shooting that occurred on Interstate 57 northbound at 116<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago, IL. Troopers arrived on scene and located two males in the rear of the victim vehicle deceased. The driver and three juveniles were transported to a local hospital with gunshot wounds. The 2-year-old juvenile was

later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

After an extensive ISP investigation, the suspect was identified as Richardson. On August 19, 2024, Richardson was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on an unrelated charge. ISP presented the case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. Richardson is being held pending his first court appearance.



## ISP Investigates Officer Involved Shooting in Alton

**ALTON** – On August 22, 2024 at approximately 6:05 a.m., the Alton Police Department requested the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 to assist in an officer involved shooting investigation.

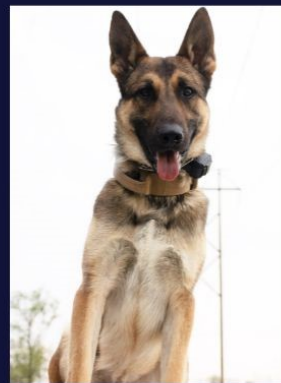
Preliminary reports indicate officers from the Alton Police Department engaged in gunfire with a suspect in the 700 block of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Alton. The suspect sustained injuries and was

transported to an area hospital and pronounced deceased. One officer from the Alton Police Department was struck and transported to a local hospital. An Alton Police Department canine was also struck and later succumbed to his injuries.

ISP will lead the investigation into the use of force portion of this incident. After a thorough investigation, ISP will turn over its investigation to the Madison State's Attorney's Office.



"The Illinois State Police mourns with the Alton Police Department the loss of K9 Officer Odin, a recent graduate of the Illinois State Police Academy, Canine Class #89. K9 Officer Odin was shot and killed during an apprehension attempt of a shooting suspect. K9 Officer Odin worked to keep officers and communities safe and our hearts go out to Odin's partner and the entire Alton Police Department."



**K9 Officer Odin**  
Alton Police Department  
End of Watch August 22, 2024



## EPIC Awards August 2024

This week, ISP attend El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)'s 27th Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Association (MVCI) Conference. Three of ISP's troopers were honored on a national level for the following:

- Top Cash Seizure Reported to EPIC in 2023 - \$972,590
- Top Cannabis Seizure Reported to EPIC in 2023 – 5,246 lbs.
- Top Cocaine Seizure Reported to EPIC in 2023 – 125 kg

ISP officers also had the top four cocaine seizures in the nation for 2023. Along with the above award, ISP officers also seized 115 KG, 114.7 KG, and 103 KG during three different traffic stops. This is a momentous achievement and is the first time in ISP History to have nationwide leaders in three out of six significant categories in 2023.

Congratulations, Troopers, and thank you for working to keep our communities safe.



A retirement luncheon poster for Kevin Kelliher. The background is a dark blue and black image of a police car with its lights on. A yellow diagonal banner across the top reads 'HONORING KEVIN KELLIHER'. In the top left corner is an Illinois State Police badge with 'ILLINOIS RETIRED 5534 STATE POLICE'. The text on the poster reads: 'Please join us for a retirement luncheon WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 12 P.M. Illinois Tollway Central Shop 3450 Finley Road, Downers Grove, Illinois \$5 PER PERSON VIA ZELLE:D15.BENEVOLENT.GROUP@GMAIL.COM KINDLY RSVP BY AUGUST 26TH RSVP LINK'. The bottom of the poster has a yellow and black striped border.

## Troop 9 Raises Funds for Special Olympics

Culver's of Effingham recently donated 10% of an entire day's revenue to Special Olympics of Illinois (ISP Troop 9 – Region I, Leg 16). The final donation totaled \$2,092.10.

Thanks to all those in Troop 9 who patronized Culver's to support this day of giving!



## ISP Goes to Bud Billiken Festival

The 95th Annual Bud Billiken Parade and Festival was held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, in Chicago's Washington Park. Presented by Chicago Defender Charities, Inc., "The Bud" commemorates the past and celebrates the future, uniting African Americans in Chicago through music, dance, food, and laughter on the South Side of Chicago. The day-long festival featured sponsors, vendors, and community organizations.

Some offerings included free hairstyling and haircuts, a Job Employment Fair at the Workforce Pavilion, on-site college admissions, special performances, unique vendor shopping, and free school supplies.

ISP's Trooper Genelle Jones was on hand to answer questions about recruitment and demonstrate seat belt safety.



## Director's Bulletin: August/September Promotions

I am pleased to announce the following appointment which will be effective September 1, 2024:

Suzanne L.Y. Bond will be appointed as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Justice Services.

In addition, Major Brian Wood was appointed and began serving as the Major of Strategic Operations Command in the Division of Patrol effective May 1, 2024.

I am also pleased to announce the following promotions effective August 16, 2024:

Captain Andrew Anselm, 5774 DCI, Zone 1 - Major Crimes Unit	M/Sgt. Gregory Miller, 5749 DOP, Troop 10	Sergeant Andrew Krusz, 6882 DOP, Troop 4
Captain Malissa Feld, 5956 DOP, Troop 6	M/Sgt. Robert Mott, 5165 DOP, Support Services Command	Sergeant Michael Kucharz, 6632 DOP, Troop 2
Captain John Thompson, 5560 OOD, Governmental Affairs	M/Sgt. Mark Nelson, 5308 DOP, Troop 10	Sergeant Luke Kuehl, 6414 DCI, Zone 2 - Sterling Major Crimes
Lt. Alicia Barr, 5663 DOP, Troop 10	M/Sgt. Zachary Weishaar, 6738 DCI, Zone 4 - CEIG	Sergeant James McWard, 6966 DAT, Physical Skills Section
Lt. Alan Knudson, 5970, DCI, Zone 1 - Violent Crimes Unit East	Sergeant Marc Baker, 5833 DOP, Troop 8	Sergeant Jeremy Mueller, 6222 DFS, Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit
Lt. Michael Kuehl, 5015 DOP, Troop 1	Sergeant Stephen Barrett, 5602 911, Fleet Processing Unit	Sergeant Jeffrey Nichols, 5982 DAT, Recruitment and Substance Testing
Lt. Kyle Rensing, 5830, DCI, SOCOM/ SWAT South Operations	Sergeant Matthew Bradford, 6566 DCI, Zone 6 - PSEG	Sergeant Aaron Reimann, 6902 DCI, Investigative Support Com- mand
M/Sgt. Benjamin Briddell, 6448 DCI, Zone 1 - South Narcotics KCPAT	Sergeant Marcos Diaz, 6864 DOP, Troop 3 - Tollway Sector	Sergeant Trevor Schindwein, 6648 DII, Administrative Services Com- mand
M/Sgt. Jeffrey Cartwright, 5280 DCI, Statewide Gaming Command	Sergeant DeAnn Falat, 5137 DOP, Troop 3 - North Sector	Sergeant Jacob Schlueter, 6372 OOD, Office of Protective Security
M/Sgt. Fernando Cepeda Jr., 6258 DCI, Statewide Gaming Command	Sergeant Wayne Hocking, 5923 DOP, Troop 9	
M/Sgt. Matthew Frizzell, 6137 OOD, Asset Forfeiture	Sergeant Nicholas Jeffers, 6210 DCI, SOCOM Air Operations Bureau	
M/Sgt. Samuel Janus, 5262 DOP, Troop 8	Sergeant Michael Kosik, 6785 DCI, Zone 1 - South Narcotics KCPAT	

These individuals stand for the mission of the ISP – the department that is more essential to justice and safety in Illinois than any other. They also represent the timeless ISP values of integrity, service, and pride. They will help to lead the way forward protecting and strengthening the future growth and health of our agency using that which is already strong and special about the ISP. Please join me in congratulating all who have been appointed and promoted.

**Brendan F. Kelly, Director**

## ISP Celebrates 5th Anniversary of Reestablishment of Division of Criminal Investigation

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the reestablishment of the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) within the agency. On August 16, 2019, Governor JB Pritzker reestablished DCI to incorporate the functions of criminal investigation, intelligence support, air operations, and special operations.

“The sharp, professional special agents, operators, pilots, and analysts of the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation are a critical pillar of ISP’s core mission: protecting public safety, pursuing justice, and fighting crime,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly.

Since its reestablishment, DCI has achieved several significant milestones in the daily fight against crime.

- Since 2019, DCI special agents have investigated violent crimes resulting in more than 900 arrests.
- The DCI Special Operations Command has expanded and evolved. Over the last five years, our Air Operations pilots have logged 7,000 hours in the skies assisting with manhunts, missing person searches, pursuits, surveillance, and criminal searches. SWAT has moved from large, armored trucks to more maneuverable vehicles for use on city streets and in tight



spaces, as well as implementing new technology such as drones, robots, and surveillance techniques. SWAT teams have been called out on more than 1,500 operations and assisted in more than 45 hostage barricade situations.

- The DCI Special Investigation Unit (SIU) was established in 2020 to conduct sensitive and complex investigations into public integrity. Since its creation, investigations have resulted in more than 90 criminal charges and more than a dozen major indictments.
- DCI has partnered with the Illinois Attorney General Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and dramatically increased its investigation into child exploitation with over 150 arrests since 2019.
- DCI special agents work with local police officers and detectives across the state as part of Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) and multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces. Over the last five years, these groups and task forces have seized more than 17,600 pounds of drugs, such as fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamines, apprehended over 7,500 criminal suspects, and seized more than 2,500 illegally possessed firearms.
- DCI created the Trafficking Enforcement Bureau (TEB), which works with MEGs, Task Forces, and other law enforcement to conduct operations and investigations related to human trafficking. TEB began conducting operations in June 2023 and has conducted nearly a dozen operations and arrested 50 individuals attempting to engage in commercial sex acts with minors.

## ISP Celebrates 5th Anniversary of Reestablishment of Division of Criminal Investigation

To conduct firearm enforcement and combat statewide gun trafficking, DCI created the Gun Liaison Officer program, which investigates stolen firearms, places Illinois residents with a Clear and Present Danger determination into compliance with state law, investigates fraudulent FOID applications, and conducts and coordinates firearm safety enforcement details. Since the reestablishment of DCI, ISP has conducted more than 2,300 firearm enforcement details and placed over 5,500 individuals into compliance with the law. DCI has also issued millions of dollars in grants to local law enforcement agencies to conduct similar firearm enforcement details in their communities.

- ISP special agents and the East St. Louis Police Department created the Public Safety Enforcement Group and in 2020 began jointly investigating all violent crimes in East St. Louis. Since its creation, PSEG has handled more than 1,200 violent criminal cases resulting in a 31% decrease in homicides and a 34% decrease in non-fatal shootings in East St. Louis compared to 2019. PSEG special agents are also involved in the community through partnerships with Community Lifeline, the Wrap-around Wellness Center, and Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities.
- On January 1, 2020, the Tamara Clayton Expressway Camera Act was enacted. Since then, more than 400 license plate readers



have been installed along Illinois interstates, which have helped decrease expressway shootings, vehicular hijackings, and other violence crimes. In addition to license plate readers, DCI opened two new ISP Technology Centers in the Chicago area designed with state-of-the-art technology and software to process and quickly analyze digital evidence to help solve crimes committed on expressways.

- The Illinois Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) is located within DCI and was named the 2021 Fusion Center of the Year by the National Fusion Center Association. STIC averages more than 15,000 requests for information annually from law enforcement and public safety partners to help prevent terrorism and violent crime. STIC and the Safe2Help program coordinate closely to identify potential school threats before they happen.



DCI will continue its mission to gather information and evidence to facilitate the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of persons responsible for committing crime; and to provide specialized intelligence, investigative, tactical, and technological services in support of law enforcement operations throughout Illinois.



## Director Kelly Reflects on DCI's 5th Anniversary

Professional, high level criminal investigation has always been in the DNA of the Illinois State Police. That's one of the reasons over five years ago it was so important to me as Director to re-establish the Division of Criminal Investigation. So, on August 16, 2019, the ISP Division of Criminal Investigation was re-established which now consists of seven investigative Zones and specialty units across the state fully engaged in the daily fight against crime. During that time DCI has achieved many significant milestones in areas that have been traditionally strong for DCI, as well as in new criminal investigative frontiers:

- DCI investigative zones have opened more than 3,000 violent crime cases resulting in more than 900 arrests.
- DCI has dramatically increased its investigation into Internet Crimes Against Children with more than 700 cases opened and over 150 arrests.
- Our Air Operations missions have expanded and become integral in apprehending criminals – logging almost 7,000 hours assisting with manhunts, missing person searches, pursuits, criminal searches, and surveillance.
- DCI has installed hundreds of license plate readers on Illinois interstates, supporting a unified enforcement effort with the Division of Patrol resulting in a dramatic reduction in expressway shootings.
- The Special Investigation Unit has opened investigations into criminal wrongdoing by elected officials or public employees, resulting in over 90 criminal counts and a dozen major indictments.
- DCI SWAT Teams have been called out on more than 1,500 operations and including over 40 hostage and barricade incidents.
- We have invested in new technologies and equipment, including three new airplanes and SWAT vehicles, as well as two new Technology Centers, and game changing technology like FUSUS.
- Metropolitan Enforcement Groups and

multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces across the state seized 17,000 pounds of drugs such as fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamines, seized more than 2,500 illegally possessed firearms, and apprehended more than 8,000 criminal suspects over the last 5 years.

- With the creation of the Trafficking Enforcement Bureau, DCI special agents have conducted nearly a dozen human trafficking operations and arrested 50 individuals attempting to engage in commercial sex acts with minors.
- The Statewide Gun Trafficking effort has coordinated more than 2,000 firearm safety enforcement details putting more than 5,000 people directly in compliance with the law and neutralizing thousands of dangerous firearms.
- The Illinois Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center was named the Fusion Center of the Year, implemented Illinois' Safe2Help programming, and averaged more than 15,000 requests for information annually from law enforcement and public safety partners to help prevent terrorism and violent crime.
- The DCI Special Agents of the Public Safety Enforcement Group, our urban criminal investigative laboratory, have increased case clearance rates and decreased the number of homicides and non-fatal shootings in their area.

This sometimes-dangerous work does not come without sacrifice, but in this second century of our history it is increasingly important. So, congratulations to the sharp, professional special agents, operators, pilots and analysts of the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation for five years of great work and an even brighter future as a critical pillar of ISP's core mission: protecting public safety, pursuing justice, and fighting crime.



*Brendan F. Kelly  
Director*



# Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation

**Car Show - Saturday, September 21, 2024**

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**ISP Headquarters Parking Lot  
801 South 7th Street, Springfield  
\$10 entry**

**10:00 am Registration  
Judging 12:00-2:00 pm • Awards 2:30 pm**

**Trophy categories, 50/50, Raffle and door prizes  
Coolers welcome! Food by Boy Scouts Troop #202**

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**Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates!**



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Illinois State Police



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Play Rain or Shine

# Golf Outing

Fundraiser to support the activities of the ISP Heritage Foundation.

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 • First 124 Golfers  
isphf123@gmail.com

**Edgewood Golf Club • 16497 Kennedy Road • Auburn, Illinois 62615**

8:00 a.m. Registration • 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start • 4-Person Scramble

\* Registration Fee: \$475 per foursome OR \$125 per person

\$500 Raffle 50/50

\* Includes Green Fees, Cart, Lunch (at 11:00 a.m.), Dinner (3:15 p.m.), 3 Free Drink Tickets, and Welcome Gift)

### Prizes For:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Foursome Men
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Foursome Women
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Foursome Mixed
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Foursome Seniors (60+)
- Longest Drive (Men & Women)
- Longest Putt (Men & Women)
- Straightest Drive

### Out-of-Town Golfers:

A few suggestions. Best rates can be found online.

Baymont Inn & Suites Wyndham  
5871 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Frontage Road E  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217.529.6655

Quality Inn & Suites  
3442 Freedom Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217.787.2250

Springhill Suites by Marriott  
3921 S. MacArthur (near Sheels)  
Springfield, IL 62711  
217.789.0000

Route 66 Hotel & Conf. Ctr.  
625 E. St. Joseph Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217.529.6626

## Registration Form

GOLFER #1

TEAM CONTACT NAME

GOLFER #2

ADDRESS

GOLFER #3

CITY, ST, ZIP

GOLFER #4

PHONE EMAIL

Please make your check payable to the **ISP Heritage Foundation**, and return this form with your fee by **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024** to: **ISP Heritage Foundation, PO Box 2210, Springfield, IL 62705-2210**. For questions or more information, please call **217.525.1922**.

By registering for this event, I assume all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to myself or to others. I agree that ISPHF, Edgewood, or any other person, or persons, of these groups shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and / or damage to myself, for loss or injury to property.

## ISP Participates in National Night Out Across the State

National Night Out, a nationwide community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships was held around the country this past Tuesday, August 6, 2024. ISP participated in several of these events throughout the state of Illinois.



# Lemont’s Emergency Vehicle/Cruise Night Event Supports Brian Frank’s Recovery

ISP was out in force at Lemont’s Cruise Night ‘Emergency Vehicle Night’ in downtown Lemont on August 14, 2024 to support Trooper Brian Frank and his wife, Lauren.

Over 100 of Brian and Lauren’s family, friends, neighbors, and ISP buddies (both active and retired) came out to support Brian and raise money for his next round of treatment in Texas. Brian blessed the group with his presence, and we even got some group pics to remember the awesome event.

Brian’s crashed squad car was also on display to the public to help share his story and emphasize the importance of the ‘Move Over’ Law.

Lauren and crew sold t-shirts, sew-on patches, and hats. By the end of the night all the shirts and hats had been sold and a long list of order requests was made.  
#FrankStrong



## PSEg Advocates for Safer Communities



ISP's Public Safety and Enforcement Group (PSEg), in conjunction with local clergy, community advocates, and concerned citizens, held the Resources & Strategies for a Stronger & Safer Southend event on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at Mt. Paran Baptist Church in East St. Louis, IL.

Due to the increase of violence in the Southend area, the goal of this event was to foster community engagement and provide resources and solutions to the community.

The event was a huge success! A total of 19 agencies participated, offering resources for the entire family. These agencies were represented at the event:

- Illinois State Police
- Arthur Flash Foundation
- Catholic Urban Programs
- Champions Barber College
- Community Lifeline

- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center
- Crime Stoppers
- East Side Aligned
- Good Samaritans
- Jackie Joyner Kersee Center
- Lessie Bates
- Our Brother's Keeper
- R3 Development Program
- SIHF (Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation)
- TAKE (Teens Against Killing Everywhere)
- TASC (Treatment Alternatives for a Safer Community)
- Touchette Regional Hospital
- Violence Prevention Center
- WKCJ Radio

ISP personnel at the event included: Lt. Elbert Jennings, S/A Tyronn Madison, S/A Erica Lavalley, Lt. Jamie Brunsworth, and Dr. Anita Bazile.

## In Memoriam: John Gulley

John L. Gulley, 79, of Edgington passed away on Friday, August 16, 2024 at UnityPoint Health Trinity, Rock Island.



A funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, August 23, 2024 at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Milan. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Thursday at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in Edgington Cemetery. Memorials may be left in care of Andalusia Community Baptist Church.

John was born on July 26, 1945, in Vincennes, Indiana, the son of Oren and Ruth (Piper) Gulley. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Army, where he served as a medic in Vietnam. He later graduated from Southern Illinois University. John started his career with the **Illinois Bureau of Investigations, where he worked as an undercover narcotics agent in Chicago. He later joined the Illinois State Police, where he worked in the Division of Criminal Investigations and retired as a captain.** He also taught law enforcement classes part time through Blackhawk College.

John's hobbies included researching history, watching old Western movies, listening to music and spending time at his kids and grandkids ball games. His greatest joy came from spending time with friends and family. He was a member of Andalusia Community Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Linda Gulley; children, Katherhan Sue (Leroy) Hitchcock, Jonna Lynn (Jose) Cruz, Kelly Lane (Eric) Moel and Cassandra Jean (Andrew) Fuhr; grandchildren, Brandon, Diego, Samuel, Noah, Alexis, Erica, Jack, Maisy, Cade, Max and Charlie; and sister, Mildred (Ron) Fuhrman. John was preceded in death by his parents.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.wheelanpressly.com](http://www.wheelanpressly.com).

## In Memoriam: Marilyn Joan Stott

Marilyn Joan Stott, 87, of Petersburg, died at 12:20 a.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home.



She was born on October 17, 1936, in Springfield, the daughter of John and Wilhelmina (Ackerman) Sitzmann. Marilyn married Harold Lee Stott in 1954, and he preceded her in death on April 23, 2007.

She graduated from Petersburg Harris High School in 1954. Marilyn worked as a **secretary for the Illinois State Police** for many years. She was also a secretary for Stott Millwork. Marilyn was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church of America in Petersburg. In her earlier years, Marilyn was also a member of The Women's Club, demonstrating spinning at events at Lincoln's New Salem State Park. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling, camping, and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Philip Stott; and sister, Norma Jean Hopper.

Marilyn is survived by her sons; Bryan (Shelley) Stott and Bruce Stott; three grandchildren, Jordan (Christina) Stott, Whitney (BJ) Rainey, and Aaron (Beth) Stott; six great-grandchildren; Leah, Reagan, Jay and Levi Stott, and Cameron and Liam Rainey; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service for Marilyn will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church of America, Petersburg. Cremation was provided by Lincoln Land Cremation Society.

## In Memoriam: Jerry Myers

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Jerry M. Myers, 80, of Streator passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at Manor Court in Peru.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 12:00 P.M. Monday, July 22nd at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Streator. Cremation rites were accorded following the services. Private family burial will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Born June 2, 1944, in Streator he was the son of Francis and Cathryn (O'Neill) Myers. He married Cheryl Kinkade on January 31, 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Myers of Streator; children, John "Jack" (Erika) Myers of Charlotte, North Carolina, Amy (Brandon) Stetzler of Mackinaw, Jerry Myers II of Streator and Brian (Jennifer) Myers of Peru; grandchildren, Benjamin, Olivia, Preston, Paige, Harper, Beckham Myers; and Gunner Stetzler; he is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Donald, William and Jack Myers.

Born in Streator he grew up in Ransom and attended Ransom Grade School. He later graduated from Streator High School in the class of 1963. He attended the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield in 1968.

**Jerry served as an Illinois State Police Officer for over 30 years retiring in 1999.** In his retirement he worked for a time at Oak Ridge Golf Course. He was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Church, Msgr. George A. Dzurko Knights of Columbus Council # 790 and the Streator Kiwanis. He also served for many years on the LaSalle County Board.

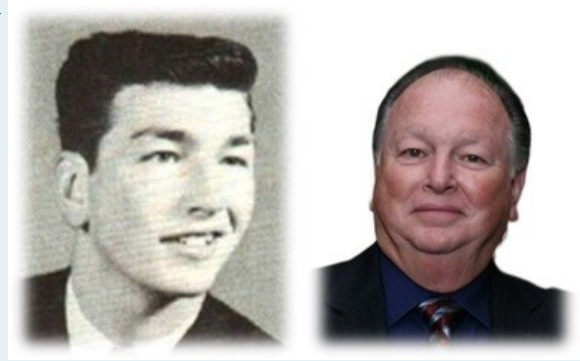
A staunch Republican, Jerry enjoyed politics and serving his community. He enjoyed golfing, country music and traveling with his wife on several different cruises. They recently visited Pearl Harbor which was a dream of his. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox fan. Jerry's family meant the world to him. He would light up when with his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by his loving family.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with the family at [www.solontelford.com](http://www.solontelford.com)



## In Memoriam: Thomas Killala

Thomas (Tom, Tommy) Michael Killala, age 81, of Ramona, CA (formerly of Dawson & Springfield, IL), passed away peacefully on Sun, May 26, 2024 at his home. Tom was born December 13, 1942, and raised in Highland Park, MI to the late John F. and Elizabeth J (Langdon) Killala.



Tom is a Jan 1961 Highland Park (MI) High School graduate. He enlisted in the Air Force (March AFB in Southern California), serving two tours in Vietnam. He loved karate, his fellow Air Force brothers (Reef Rats), and he interpreted Top Secret Military photos during the Cuban Missile Crisis before meeting his wife, Bonnie Marie (Greene), at Shakey's Pizza in Riverside, CA.

Tom's long-term career was in law enforcement, commencing with Riverside PD as a patrolman and then on to the motorcycles, **concluding with the Illinois State Police. The letters I.S.P. were a good fit for Tom as he had Integrity, Service (to his country, the public and family), and Pride (in his country, job and family).** Tom's versatility was evident while serving on numerous task forces and adapting to many different roles and titles. In his retirement, he worked for the FBI. Tom served his country and public with an unwavering dedication and compassion.

His love and care for his family was immeasurable, leaving a lasting legacy of love, dedication, and strength. He received immense joy from helping others. May his legacy continue through the lives he touched during his years of service. In his spare time, he loved traveling, reading, the outdoors, listening to rock and roll music, attending concerts, watching sports, and most of all, spending time with friends and family.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, John F. and Elizabeth J. Killala, and his brothers George Stokes and John (Jack) Killala. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Bonnie Marie (Greene) Killala, son Michael L. Killala, daughter Shannon Marie and son-in-law, Joseph L. Puerta, Jr. He also leaves behind his adored granddaughter Madison Iva and step-granddaughter, Olivia and many cherished extended family and friends.

Burial was held at noon on Tue, June 11, 2024, at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. These are the exact grounds where the barracks were housed that Tom and his Air Force brothers occupied before it became a National Cemetery in the 70's. May Tom find eternal peace and may his spirit soar amongst the angels.



## Trooper John McCabe

**End of Watch:  
August 12, 1933**

We remember Trooper John L. McCabe. Trooper McCabe was killed in a motorcycle accident while on patrol on Roosevelt Road near the Cook-DuPage County lines. An oncoming vehicle turned in front of him, causing the fatal collision.

Trooper McCabe served with the Illinois State Police for six months in District Chicago (District 4). He had been in law enforcement for over ten years. Trooper McCabe was survived by his wife.



## Patrolman Robert Card

**End of Watch:  
August 12, 1930**

Patrolman Robert Card was shot and killed while searching for two-armed robbery suspects.

A truck driver from a Clinton, Iowa, bottling works company had stopped on Lincoln Highway, about six miles west of Sterling, to assist two young men who asked him to borrow a jack. As the truck driver was retrieving the jack, he was knocked unconscious with a pop bottle. When he came to, both his money and the bandits had disappeared.

Despite numerous roadblocks set up by authorities on local highways, the suspects were able to escape. It is believed Patrolman Card had recognized the suspects and while pursuing them, he was shot and killed.

Patrolman Card had served with the Sterling Police Department for less than one month. He had previously served with the Illinois State Police for nearly 6½ years as a trooper assigned to District 1 in Sterling.



## Trooper Ralph Newman

**End of Watch:  
August 20, 1941**

Trooper Ralph Newman was killed in a motorcycle accident while on patrol near the town of Buckner at 1200 hours. A vehicle attempted to make a left turn in front of Trooper Newman but stopped when the driver saw the trooper. Trooper Newman was unable to avoid the car and struck it broadside.

Trooper Newman had served with the Illinois State Police for four years and was assigned to District 13. He previously had served as the Chief of Police of the Benton Police Department and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Trooper Newman was survived by his wife and child.



## Trooper Nicholas Hopkins

**End of Watch:  
August 23, 2019**

Trooper Nicholas Hopkins was shot and killed while serving a search warrant at a home at 1426 North 42nd Street and Caseyville Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois.

He and other members of the Emergency Response Team were making entry into the home at 5:30 am when he was shot by an occupant during an exchange of gunfire.

Trooper Hopkins had served with the Illinois State Police for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, children, parents, brothers and sisters.

## Dog Days of Summer—Meet K9 Jekyll

Jekyll has spent four years patrolling with his handler, Trooper Collin Ingalls. He enjoys playing fetch and loves to swim! K9 Jekyll has participated in numerous article searches locating unlawfully carried weapons. Some of which had been used to commit homicides.

Trooper Ingalls recalls the time he and Jekyll were in pursuit of an armed subject who had fired shots in Kankakee. Trooper Ingalls said, “Jekyll chased the offender, and the offender chose to stop and give up. I commanded Jekyll to a down then a heel. Kankakee police officers arrived and assisted taking the suspect into custody. After a short search, Jekyll successfully located the suspect's firearm.”



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