

Division of Justice Services Recognizes Security Officer Nakisa Lewis

On Thursday, November 14, 2024, while performing a security perimeter check at the Illinois State Police Central Headquarters Complex, Security Officer Nakisa Lewis witnessed a truck back into First Deputy Director Rebecca Hooks' parked squad car, causing damage, while it was attempting to service a portable restroom. In addition to striking the vehicle, the truck also damaged landscaping and ISP signage before attempting to flee the scene of the incident.

Without hesitation, Security Officer Lewis rushed towards the fleeing truck and stopped the driver. She was able to gather pertinent information from the driver and truck including the vehicle information, company name, and company contact information. Upon making contact, the driver refused to provide his own information and left the scene. Security Officer Lewis immediately notified her supervisor allowing for a coordinated effort with Troop 6 to respond to the location of the crash. Security Officer Lewis took initiative and contacted the company of the driver and, upon speaking with them, the company advised they were sending their driver back to the crash scene. Furthermore, Security Officer Lewis had the security video downloaded for immediate review by the primary Troop 6 personnel handling the crash.

Security Officer Lewis' swift actions saved troopers time and resources in that she gathered all the information necessary to identify the driver and have him return to the scene a short time later.

This incident is a direct reflection of the dedication and pride that Security Officer Lewis has for her job. She continues to be an extremely respected and vigilant member of the ISP Logistics Bureau security team.

Security Officer Lewis received a Certificate of Achievement from Troop 6 and a Hero Award from her employer, Allied Universal, in recognition of her actions.



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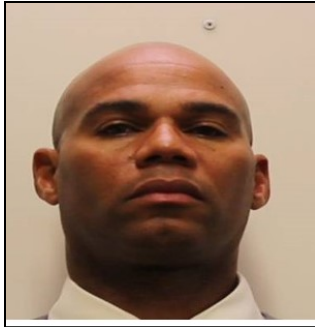
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ISP Investigation Leads to Conviction of Casino Queen Shooter



BELLEVILLE – After an extensive Illinois State Police (ISP) investigation spanning several years, 48-year-old Daryl S. Muhammad of Marietta, Georgia was convicted for a shooting and armed robbery that occurred at the Casino Queen in 2017. On November 25, 2024, after a week-long trial, Muhammad was found guilty of Armed Robbery (Class X Felony), Aggravated Battery with a firearm (Class X Felony), and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (Class 2 Felony).



“The defendant’s egregious actions show a complete lack of respect for life and the law,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “It does not matter how much time has passed, ISP will continue to pursue justice and hold those who break the law accountable.”
On September 17, 2017, at

approximately 2:55 a.m., three men armed with rifles entered the Casino Queen. During the robbery, an unarmed security guard was shot and over \$47,000 was taken. ISP conducted a thorough investigation that led agents to Muhammad in Cobb County, Georgia. In January of 2019, Muhammad was charged and arrested.

“I want to thank the dedicated members of the Illinois State Police and supporting agencies for all of their work that allowed us to obtain this just verdict,” said St. Clair County State’s Attorney James Gomic. “I also want to thank the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Illinois for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Finally, I want to thank Assistant United States Attorney John Trippi, who served as a Special Assistant State’s Attorney, and Assistant State’s Attorney Alex Starnes for their tireless work in bringing Mr. Muhammad to justice.”

Chicago Man Arrested for First Degree Murder After Road Rage Incident

NEW LENOX – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 45-year-old Phillip E. Rogers of Chicago, IL, for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon by Felon (Class 3 Felony) stemming from a road rage related expressway shooting.

On November 25, 2024, at approximately 5:30 p.m., ISP responded to a 9-1-1 call of an expressway shooting that occurred on I-80 west-bound entrance to I-355, New Le-

nox. The preliminary investigation revealed two vehicles were involved in road rage incident and then crashed. After the crash, the victim, 30-year-old Lenier D. Clayton of Joliet, was shot. Clayton was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Rogers was later located and taken into custody.

ISP presented the case to the Will County State’s Attorney’s Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. No further information is

available.

ISP reminds the public that when it comes to aggressive driving, don’t lose your temper or your life. *Road Rage. Don’t Engage.* If you are the victim of road rage or believe a driver is following or harassing you, call 911 and/or go to the nearest police department to report it. For more information about how to avoid road rage or ISP’s “Road Rage. Don’t Engage.” campaign, visit the ISP website at: <https://isp.illinois.gov/TrafficSafety/RoadRage>.



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ISP Arrests Two for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material



BOURBONNAIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 22-year-old Edward A. Lohman II of Bourbonnais, IL for Child Pornography – Solicits Child for Performance – Live or Film

(Class 2 Felony), Child Pornography – Exhibit, Reproduce, Disseminate Film, Video, Photo (Class X Felony), Child Pornography – Excretion or Urination (Class 2 Felony), and Child Pornography – Possess Visual Reproduction on Computer – Victim Under the Age of 13-years-old (Class 3 Felony).

On November 20, 2024, ISP agents executed a search warrant at Lohman’s residence on Big Chief Drive in Bourbonnais and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child exploitation materials.

On November 26, 2024, ISP agents arrested Lohman on the above-mentioned charges, Lohman was transported to the Kankakee County Jail for a detention hearing.

MACOMB – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 arrested 43-year-old Christopher Michael Metcalf from Macomb, IL, for



Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony).

In October 2024, West Central Illinois Task Force initiated an investigation after learning a subject in the 200 block

of N. Sherman Avenue in Macomb, IL, was disseminating child sexual abuse material through an online platform. On November 26, 2024, a search warrant was executed in the 200 block of N. Sherman Avenue and evidence of child sexual abuse material was discovered in Metcalf’s possession. Metcalf was arrested and is detained at the McDonough County Jail awaiting a detention hearing.

On November 27, 2024, the McDonough County State’s Attorney Office filed a three-count information charging Metcalf with Possession of Child Pornography.

West Central Illinois Task Force was assisted by the Macomb Police Department, McDonough County State’s Attorney’s Office, and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General Digital Forensic Examiners with this investigation. Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact ISP Zone 4 Investigations at (309) 837-5840.

ISP Investigates Officer Involved Shooting at a St. Charles nursing home

SAINT CHARLES – On December 1, 2024, around 8:46 a.m., the St. Charles Police Department asked ISP Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 West to investigate an officer involved death that occurred at River Glen of St. Charles Assisted Living Community in Saint Charles, Kane County.

Preliminary investigative findings indicate St. Charles Police officers were responding to a call of a male suspect wielding a weapon (chainsaw). Upon arrival, officers immediately encountered the male suspect. Faced with a threat, one officer fired their weapon, striking the male suspect. The male suspect was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

ISP will conduct a thorough investigation into the use of force portion of this incident. After its completion, ISP will turn all reports over to the Kane County State’s Attorney’s office for an independent review of the facts.

ISP Fatal Crash Investigation Leads to Arrest of DuQuoin Man

DU QUOIN – On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 7 officers with the assistance of the Du Quoin Police Department arrested 23-year-old Dylan S. Weeks of Du Quoin, IL, for 3 counts of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Class 2 Felony) and 3 counts of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Class 4 Felony). The arrest stems from a fatal crash that occurred in Perry County in March of this year.



On March 17, 2024, ISP agents, with the assistance of the Du Quoin Police Department and the Perry County Coroner’s Office, investigated a two-vehicle fatal traffic crash on US Route 51, south of Gasplant Road. The driver of Unit 1, Weeks, struck Unit 2 head-on at a high rate of speed. The juvenile passenger in Unit 1 was pronounced deceased on scene.

On November 27, 2024, a warrant was issued by a Perry County judge for Weeks’ arrest. Weeks was taken into custody at his residence by ISP Zone 7 and Troop 10 and he is currently being held in the Perry County Jail on the above charges awaiting a detention hearing.

ISP Combats Drug Trafficking and Seizes 1,146 Pounds of Cocaine

GENESEO - The Illinois State Police (ISP) Blackhawk Area Task Force (BATF) arrested 27-year-old Vanshpreet Singh from Ontario, Canada, and 36-year-old Manpreet Singh from Ontario, Canada, for Possession of Cocaine (Class X Felony), Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine (Class X Felony), and Cocaine Trafficking (Class X Felony).

On November 29, 2024 at approximately 2:10 p.m., an ISP trooper conducted a commercial motor vehicle inspection on a Volvo truck-tractor semi-trailer combination on Interstate 80 eastbound in Henry County. During the com-

mercial motor vehicle inspection, the trooper observed numerous indicators of criminal activity. A subsequent search revealed suspected cocaine. The total approximate weight of the cocaine located was 1,146 pounds and has an approximate street value of more than \$40 million dollars.

“ISP’s coordinated focus on trafficking is helping keep dangerous drugs out of our communities,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “From com-

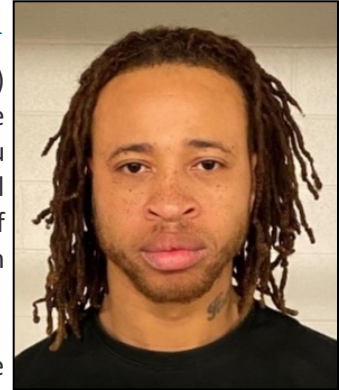
mercial motor vehicle inspections, to daily patrol, to targeted anti-violence and trafficking details, ISP is making communities safer.”

Vanshpreet Singh and Manpreet Singh were taken into custody and transported to the Henry County Jail pending a pre-trial release hearing. ISP notified Homeland Security Investigations, which responded and is providing assistance.



ISP Fatal Crash Investigation Leads to Arrest Chicago Man for Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Crash

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Another Trooper Hit by DUI Driver – 24th in 2024

POSEN – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash in Posen involving an ISP trooper who was standing outside of their car conducting a traffic stop when they were hit by an intoxicated driver who failed to move over.

On December 5, 2024, at approximately 8:30 p.m., an ISP trooper activated their emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 57 southbound near 135th Street. The trooper was outside of the squad car, standing next to the passenger side of the vehicle they pulled over. A Hyundai SUV failed to move over and sideswiped the parked squad car’s driver’s side mirror before striking the rear driver’s side of pulled-over vehicle. The pulled-over vehicle then hit the trooper, pushing the trooper’s body backwards into a ditch. The trooper suffered serious injuries. The driver of the pulled-over vehicle was also injured. The driver of the Hyundai, 56-year-old Ricky D. Jordon of Chicago, IL, was charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence - No Valid Driver’s License. And additional charge of Aggravated Scott’s Law violation (Class 4 Felony) is pending.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 24 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured, and suffered 25 crashes in 2022 leaving 13 troopers injured. ISP reminds the public the Move Over Law, also known as “Scott’s Law” in Illinois, requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator’s driver’s license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years.



ISP Obtains Charges in 100% of 2023 Chicago Area Expressway Shooting Homicides

CHICAGO – After extensive investigations, Illinois State Police (ISP) Zone 1 Violent Crime Unit East special agents obtained charges in all five Chicago area expressway shooting homicides that occurred in 2023.

“With intelligent investigations, technology and good old-fashioned persistence, the special agents of ISP were able to not just clear 100% of Chicago area expressway shooting homicides in 2023, but obtain criminal charges in 100% of cases,” said Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly. “We will continue to relentlessly pursue justice for the victims of gun violence.”

ISP obtained first-degree murder charges in each of the five Chicago area expressway shooting homicides in 2023.

February 16, 2023 – Shooting on Interstate 55 northbound at Lock Street. The victim was deceased on scene. After an extensive investigation, a man in his 20’s of Chicago, IL was charged on March 27, 2023 with First-Degree Murder.

February 19, 2023 – Shooting on Interstate 57 northbound at 116th Street. Six people were shot, three died, including a two-year-old child. On August 19,

2024, a man in his 20’s of Chicago, IL was charged with three counts of First-Degree Murder and three counts of Attempted First-Degree Murder.

May 14, 2023 – Shooting on Interstate 57 northbound ramp at 147th Street. The victim was transported to the hospital but later died. On June 12, 2023, a man in his 50’s of Evergreen Park, IL was indicted for First-Degree Murder.

May 16, 2023 – Shooting on Interstate 290 eastbound, west of Laramie Avenue. One victim was pronounced deceased. After a thorough investigation, a man in his 20’s of Chicago, IL was charged with one count of First-Degree Murder on June 15, 2023.

August 28, 2023 – Shooting on Interstate 94 northbound at 138th Street. One person was shot and transported to an area hospital but later died. On February 24, 2024, a man in his 30’s of Matteson, IL was charged with two counts of First-Degree Murder.

Chicago area expressway shootings are down 32% compared to this time last year, 51% compared to 2022, and 71% compared to 2021.

ISP Arrests Belleville Man for Murdering 16-yr-old in East St. Louis



EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 arrested 37-year-old John Mosley of Belleville, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony), Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony), and Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Class 3 Felony) stemming from a deadly shooting this past October.

On October 30, 2024, Zone 6 agents were requested by the East St. Louis Police Department to investigate a homicide that occurred in 3000 block of Converse Avenue in East St. Louis. Upon arrival officers located a

16-year-old victim that had been struck by gunfire. The victim was transported to an area hospital and was later declared deceased.

After a thorough investigation, ISP agents identified Mosley as a suspect. On December 3, 2024, Mosley was taken into custody by the United States Marshal’s Service. On December 6, 2024, the St. Clair County State’s Attorney’s Office filed the above-mentioned charges against Mosley. Mosley is being held at the St. Clair County Jail.

ISP Arrests Six in Latest Human Trafficking Enforcement Operation

ROCKFORD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Trafficking Enforcement Bureau arrested six individuals during a two-day human trafficking enforcement operation in the Rockford area of Winnebago County on December 4-5, 2024. The operation focused on identifying individuals seeking to engage in commercial sex acts.

As a result of the operation, the following individuals were arrested and charged:

- Carlos A. Rivera (50) of Rockford, IL – Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Harry J. Hulmes III (57) of Machesney Park, IL – Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Jon D. Juhlin (58) of Rockford, IL – Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Lavonte D. Allen (32) of Rockford, IL – Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Nathan D. Hayes (31) of Pecatonica – Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Gerald L. Hochstatter (71) of Delevan, WI - Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)

This operation was part of a multifaceted approach by ISP aimed at stopping human trafficking in Illinois. ISP special agents, officers from ISP Troops 1 and 3, ISP SWAT, and the ISP Intelligence Support Unit, partnered with the State Line Area Narcotics Team and the Blackhawk Area Task Force for the operation. The Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office also provided support for the operation.

[Human trafficking](#) is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts, labor, or services against their will. ISP continues its multifaceted approach toward protecting those most vulnerable with its ongoing statewide human trafficking enforcement operations. The signs of human trafficking can be subtle; to learn more, please visit [Recognizing the Signs | National Human Trafficking Hotline](#).



Hayes

Hochstatter

Hulmes

Juhlin

Rivera

Allen



SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS TODAY!



1306 S. 6th Street - Springfield, IL
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00- 3:00

Spreading Holiday Cheer!

ISP spent an amazing day at [Scheels](#) going on a shopping spree with local kids and their families. Everyone enjoyed arcade games, Ferris wheel rides, and yummy treats. There was even a surprise guest in the mix ... the "Grinch!" Thank you Scheels for the opportunity to partner once again this year to spread some joy this holiday season. [#shopwithacop2024](#) [#ILStatePolice](#)



Making Christmas Bright!



Over the last 19 years, ISP Troop 6 has held a toy drive for PACT - Parents and Child Together of West Central Illinois. Each year, ISP collects donated items for 60-70 children with the goal of providing 2-3 gifts for each child to open.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Sgt. Brandon Douglas, who puts a tremendous amount of time and effort into this project every



Troop 5 Shop with a Cop

ISP Troop 5 and [Normal Police Department](#) teamed up again this year to spread some holiday cheer with local children and their families. Together, everyone laughed, shopped, and even got into a bit of trouble. Thank you [Walmart Normal](#) and [Tobin's Pizza, Inc.](#) for helping to make this event a success. [#shop-](#)



Director's Bulletin: Retirements and Promotions

After more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Illinois State Police (ISP) and the citizens of Illinois, **Lieutenant Colonel Jason LoCoco** retired effective November 30, 2024.

After more than 27 years of dedicated service to the Illinois State Police (ISP), **Colonel Thé Tran** will retire effective December 31, 2024.

Additionally, **Colonel Marcus Gipson** will be retiring after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the ISP effective December 31, 2024.

Please join me in congratulating Lt. Col. LoCoco, Col. Tran, and Col. Gipson on their outstanding careers and retirement.

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

Effective October 16, 2024, **Michelle Dankoski** was appointed to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for the ISP.

Effective December 1, 2024, **Captain Malissa Feld** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and to serve as the Assistant Deputy Director in the Division of the Academy and Training.

Effective January 1, 2025, with transition to begin immediately:

- **Colonel Mike Gillock** will be transferring to the Division of the Academy and Training to serve as the Deputy Director.
- **Lieutenant Colonel Linda Mandat** will be appointed to the rank of Colonel and will serve as the Deputy Director of the Division of Internal Investigation.
- **Lieutenant Dagmara Wojtas** will be appointed to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and will serve as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Forensic Services.

Please join me in congratulating these individuals on their appointments.

Brendan F. Kelly
Director

#Throwback—Mobile Crime Lab

Prior to 1926, fingerprinting was the only science Illinois police departments regularly used to fight crime. Between late 1926 and mid-1929 gang feuds were at an all-time high in Southern Illinois and Chicago. This led to the creation of "The Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory."

Many other changes in scientific crime detection occurred during the 1930's, and in 1941, Director T.P. Sullivan, Department of Public Safety, initiated plans for a mobile crime laboratory to serve the state under the Illinois State Police authority. The mobile laboratory contained an x-ray unit, photography, fingerprinting and polygraph equipment, microscopes and supplies that allowed scientists to conduct nitrate and blood stain tests, identify fluids, restore serial numbers erased from metals, and conduct qualitative and quantitative analysis of unknown substances.

This is a photo of U.S. Senator C. Wayland Brooks, Governor Dwight H. Green, and his wife christening the mobile laboratory in Chicago on September 12, 1942.

Read more about the history of the mobile laboratory here: <https://isp.illinois.gov/Forensics/History>



Christening ceremonies of the Mobile Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory of the Illinois State Police. Left to right are: U. S. Senator C. Wayland Brooks, Governor Dwight H. Green and Mrs. Green

Thank You, Trooper Goines!

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, Trooper Rodger Goines (Public Information/Safety Education) was refereeing a freshman basketball game at Anna Jonesboro High School.

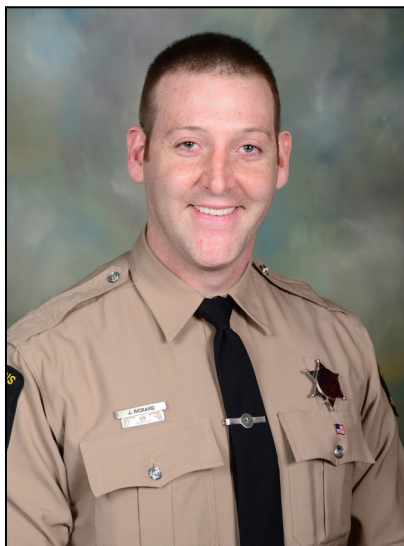
A spectator began choking on food, was unable to breathe, and became unconscious. School district Superintendent Brett Detering, an athletic trainer, medical professionals seated in the crowd, and Trooper Goines all jumped in to help. Trooper Goines performed the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the obstruction. The individual regained consciousness and began breathing on her own. When on-duty EMS personnel arrived, the woman was taken to a local hospital for treatment. She was discharged the next day.

Anna Jonesboro Superintendent Detering sent a text to school faculty the following day that detailed the situation, gave an update on the individual's condition, and praised Trooper Goines for his actions.

The ISP family also thanks Trooper Goines for living out the ISP value of Service, and for his quick response to avert a tragedy.



Thank You, Trooper Rickard!



An appreciative citizen sent in this heartfelt thank you note:

I wanted to send a shoutout and thank you to Trooper Johnathan Rickard #6366. On 11/16 I sustained minor damage to my vehicle from a semi-truck tire blowout and needed a little assistance. Trooper Rickard was extremely kind and helpful. He gave me great advice and provided me with all the information I needed. If possible, please pass along a very gracious thank you again. I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication to keeping people safe. I'm sure many days are thankless but please know that there are a lot of people who care about each of you!

*Sincerely,
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Keep up the good work, Trooper Rickard!



Retired DCI Special Agent Bradley Phegley



Bradley L. Phegley, affectionately known as Brad to his loved ones and friends, passed away on December 6, 2024, at the age of 67. Born on April 10, 1957, in Shelbyville, Illinois, to Jack Adrian and D. Kathryn (Alday) Phegley, Brad's life was characterized by his dedication to service, his adventurous spirit, and his warmth that drew people to him.

A graduate of Shelbyville High School in 1975, Brad furthered his education by earning an associate's degree in criminal justice from Lake Land College. His passion for serving others led him to a distinguished career in law enforcement. Brad served in the United States Army, an experience that shaped his character and instilled in him a deep sense of patriotism. Following his military service, he dedicated 28 years to the Illinois State Police, an illustrious career marked by integrity and commitment. Brad also contributed to his county as a Shelby County Deputy Sheriff, Chief Deputy Coroner for eight years, and Coroner for four years. His recent reelection as Coroner was a testament to the trust and respect he garnered from his community.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Brad was a valued member of the Lockart-Green Funeral Homes team for over 25 years. His involvement with the community extended to his membership in the Windsor Christian Church, Altamont Masonic Lodge #533, and the Shelbyville Horseshoe Club. Brad's life of service was a beacon of inspiration to all who knew him.

Brad's zest for life was evident in his wide array of interests. Whether it was playing pickleball, beekeeping, pitching horseshoes, or tending to his hobby farm, Brad embraced life with enthusiasm. His love for the outdoors was unmatched; he was a skilled hunter, camper, and fisherman. An avid sports fan, Brad loyally supported the Cubs, Bears, Bulls, and Blackhawks. His adventures took him from the skies as a licensed pilot to the depths of the ocean as a certified scuba diver. Brad's love for Lake Shelbyville was well known, as were his fishing trips to Ontario and the Great Lakes. His adventurous spirit was matched only by his kindness and his ability to make lasting connections with people.

Brad is survived by a loving family that includes his son, Brent Phegley of Shelbyville; sister, Debbie Maretto of Decatur; his significant other, Michelle "Shellie" Weber of Windsor; sister-in-law, Barb Phegley of Shelbyville; his cherished grandchildren, Kaylee (Austin) Binnion and Jack Phegley, both of Shelbyville. His legacy continues through his nieces and nephews, Jason (Carrie) Maretto of Pawnee, Krista (Ryan) Hendrix of Shelbyville, Lori Ruot of Shelbyville, and Angela (Greg) Crowe of Decatur, as well as his adored great-nieces and nephews, Haley, Emily, Kelsey, Kyle, Emma, Chase, Trey, Ryan, Kathryn and Sophie. Brad's passing leaves a void in the hearts of his many friends who were like family to him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother Jack Phegley, and brother-in-law Mike Maretto. Funeral services honoring Brad's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024, at Lockart-Green Funeral Home in Shelbyville followed by a motorcade of Illinois State Police officers escorting Trooper Phegley to Glenwood Cemetery where he will be laid to rest with military honors by the Shelby County Honor Guard. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during visitation from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024, also at Lockart-Green Funeral Home. Memorials in Brad's honor may be given to the Shelby County Community Services CDS Program which was near and dear to Brad and mailed to 302 W. Main St., Shelbyville, IL 62565. Lockart-Green Funeral Home in Shelbyville is assisting the family.

Brad's passing is a profound loss to those who knew him. His legacy of service, adventure, and genuine kindness will continue to live on in the memories of his loved ones. The community has lost a true hero, but the impact of his life's work will be felt for generations to come. Brad's heartfelt smile and generous nature will be deeply missed, but the stories of his life will always bring comfort and inspiration to those he left behind. Family and friends are invited to light a candle or share a story at www.lockartgreenfuneralhome.com

Trooper Kenneth Church

End of Watch: December 5, 1931



Trooper Kenneth Church was killed in a motorcycle accident on Route 2 near Dixon, Illinois.

He was returning from a funeral escort in Amboy, Illinois, when his vehicle was struck head-on by another vehicle.

Trooper Church was assigned to District 1 and served with the Illinois State Police for seven years. He was also a U.S Army Veteran of WWI. He was survived by his wife and one child.

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