

Trooper Clay M. Carns #6512 Killed on I-55 on December 23, 2024

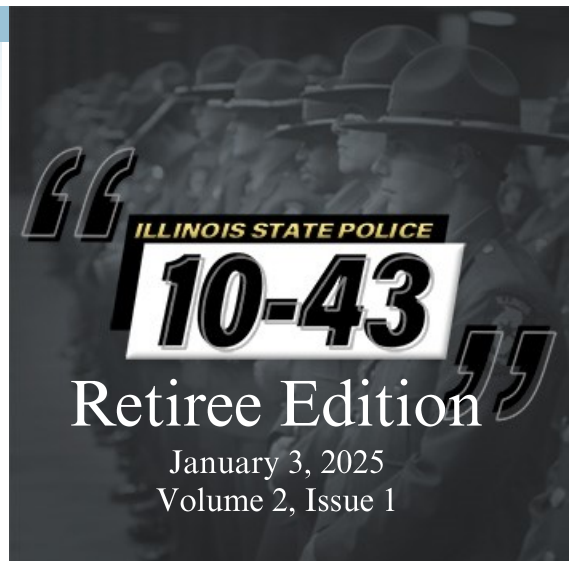


To the Men and Women of the Illinois State Police,

It is with profound sadness, dismay and a heavy heart that I inform you of the untimely death of Trooper Clay Carns #6512. Trooper Carns was on-duty in Troop 3 when he stopped for debris in the roadway near I-55 and Blodgett Road in Will County. Trooper Carns was outside of his vehicle when he was struck by a pick-up truck in traffic. Trooper Carns was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, where at approximately 10:45 p.m., December 23, 2024, Trooper Carns succumbed to his injuries.

Please keep the Carns family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Brendan F. Kelly
Director



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ISP Arrests Moline Woman for Manufacturing Child Sexual Abuse Materials

MOLINE – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 agents arrested 46-year-old Shanna L. Miller of Moline, IL for Manufacturing Child Pornography (Class X Felony) and Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child (Class X Felony).



On June 18, 2024, ISP agents executed a search warrant as part of an on-going investigation into the dissemination of child pornography. During the next several months, ISP agents were able to identify Miller as a suspect in that investigation.

On December 21, 2024, ISP agents arrested Miller near the 4000 block of 11th Avenue in Moline, IL on the above-mentioned charges. Miller was transported to the Rock Island County Jail. There is no additional information.

The Illinois State Police provides resources for parents, for the public to report crimes against children, and survivors to start their path towards healing and recovery. Anonymous tips of child pornography can also be reported through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) cyber tip line at www.cybertipline.com. To keep kids safe online, learn more at: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/onlinesafe/>; www.cybertipline.org; For resources for survivors of sexual abuse visit: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources>.



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ISP Arrests Wilmington Man In Fatal Crash With State Trooper



JOLIET – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 69-year-old John Fleet of Wilmington, IL for Scott's Law (Class 4 Felony) after a fatal

crash last night involving Trooper Clay M. Carns.

Around 9:42 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2024, Trooper Carns observed debris in a lane on southbound I-55 just north of Blodgett Road near Channahon, and he initiated his emergency lights, pulling over to the right shoulder. Trooper Carns exited his vehicle and was standing in the lane grabbing the debris when a Chevrolet Silverado struck Trooper Carns. The driver of the Chevrolet was identified as John Fleet.

Trooper Carns was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, where at approximately 10:45 p.m., he succumbed to his injuries. Fleet was not injured and remained on scene.

Trooper Carns was 35 years old and served 11 years as an officer with ISP. He was assigned to Troop 3. He is survived by his wife Meghan, children Gray and Ally, parents Patti and Danny Carns, and siblings Chad Carns, Erica (Carns) Raciack, and Elyssa Carns.

On December 24, 2024, the Will

County State's Attorney's Office approved a Scott's Law charge against Fleet. ISP also issued Fleet multiple Illinois Vehicle Code citations. These are not detainable offenses and Fleet was released.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 26 Move Over Law-related crashes with twelve troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured and suffered 25 crashes in 2022 leaving 13 troopers injured. 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. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dash-boards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

ISP Announces Results of a Violent Crime Suppression Detail in the Metro East Area

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement South group conducted a violent crime suppression detail December 16-19, 2024, in St. Clair and Madison counties, focusing its efforts on East St. Louis and neighboring Metro East communities. The operation utilized intelligence and technology to target known high crime areas, violent offenders, and structured criminal groups in the communities of the Metro East.

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail.

On December 16, 2024, troopers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for an Illinois Vehicle Code violation (IVC). The vehicle fled the traffic. A short while later, troopers located the vehicle parked and the driver was taken into custody. A loaded firearm was recovered.

On December 16, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an IVC violation. The driver had an active warrant out for their arrest. During a probable cause search of the vehicle a loaded firearm was recov-

ered. The driver was taken into custody.

On December 19, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop vehicle for an IVC violation. A loaded firearm was recovered during a probable cause search. The driver was taken into custody.

Nearly 38 ISP officers from around the state, including Troop 6, Troop 7, Troop 8, Troop 9, Troop 10, South Fatal Four Team, North SAVE Team, Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 Firearms Investigations Unit, Air Operations, and the Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG) joined forces with the Division of Patrol’s Special Operation Group South Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement Unit for the multi-day operation. The Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois (MEGSI) provided additional support during the operational period.

ISP will continue to use all available resources, including air operations, technology, forensic services, investigators, increase patrols, and information sharing to combat violent crime.

Detail Results	
Arrests	24
Felony Charges	36
Criminal Charges	48
Firearm Related Charges	18
Firearms Seized	9
Controlled Substance Seized	28.3 grams
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1

Statement from the family of Trooper Clay Carns

The Family of Trooper Clay Carns mourn the loss of their treasured husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. We could never begin to thank law enforcement nor the thousands from our community who have reached out to us to express their love and support.

To the public, Clay became a hero on December 23, 2024, when he was killed in the line of duty. To his family, he has always been a hero.

Our world has been shattered, and we will never be the same. But we take comfort in knowing that he lived his life with such purpose, he loved his family and friends fiercely, and he took great pride in his work.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." -Matthew 5:9



Services will all be held at Parkview Christian Church, 11100 Orland Parkway in Orland Park, Illinois. Visitation to take place Thursday, January 2, 2025, from 1 to 8 p.m., with a first responder walk through at 6 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, January 3, 2025 at 10 a.m. Private Interment to follow.



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN TROOPER

Trooper Clay M. Carns #6512

End of Watch, December 23, 2024

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Happy Retirement, Trooper Jansen!

Illinois State Police Troop 4 would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Trooper Daniel Jansen #5294 on his retirement after over 22 years of dedicated service. Trooper Jansen has been a valued member of the Illinois State Police, and his commitment to serving our community is truly appreciated.

Trooper Jansen began his career on March 4, 2001, as a member of Cadet Class #102. After graduation, he was assigned to District 14 Patrol. In December 2004, he transferred to District 7 Patrol. In January 2014, Trooper Jansen transitioned into the role of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer. Most recently, he transferred to Troop 4 following the district mergers.

To honor his distinguished career, we hosted a special retirement reception at Troop 4 Headquarters in Macomb. Friends and colleagues gathered to celebrate Trooper Jansen's many achievements and wish him well as he embarks on this new chapter. The reception, held on Wednesday, December 18th at 12:00 PM, featured cake and heartfelt stories shared by those who had the privilege of working with Trooper Jansen throughout the years.

We wish Trooper Jansen all the best in his retirement and look forward to seeing the next chapter of his journey unfold. Thank you, Trooper Jansen, for your unwavering dedication and commitment to the Illinois State Police!



Troopers Save Life at NFL Game

On Sunday, December 22, ISP officers were assigned to the Bears game.

A spectator appeared to be experiencing a medical emergency. ISP Master Sergeant Howard Hansen, Sergeant Joel Decatur, Trooper Arturo Resendez, and an off-duty paramedic all jumped in to help.

Both M/Sgt. Hansen and the off-duty paramedic began checking for a pulse. When they did not feel a pulse, M/Sgt. Hansen immediately began chest compressions and requested an AED. Sgt. Decatur and Trooper Heinel assisted the NFL paramedics in locating the AED. Once it was in place, the individual was shocked, and Trooper Resendez stepped in to relieve M/Sgt. Hansen by performing chest compressions. The individual soon regained consciousness and began breathing on his own. When the NFL/Bears medical staff arrived, the man was taken to a local hospital in stable condition.

The ISP family would like to thank troopers for their quick response and for continuing to live out ISP's value of Service.



Trooper Arturo Resendez, Sgt. Joel Decatur, and M/Sgt. Howard Hansen

La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center Receives Gifts from DII

The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Internal Investigation (DII) Northern Command participated in a Toy Drive for the La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center, located in Park Forest, Illinois. The La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center provides support services to children who are victims of abuse and maltreatment. Each holiday season, with support from their partners and community, the La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center provides gifts and toys to more than 100 children. The ISP DII has a long-standing relationship with the La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center as they have assisted DII with victim forensic interviews.



On Tuesday, December 17, 2024, ISP DII delivered toys to the La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center to help their mission in bringing joy to children during the holiday season.

SAVE North Toy Drive Benefitted Shriners Children's Hospital

On December 6, 2024, at the annual SAVE Holiday Party, Members of the SAVE Team and Friends conducted Toy Drive for The Shriners Children's Hospital of Chicago. Many attendees brought multiple toys for the drive. On December 7, 2024, Sergeant Michael Kelley who organized the Toy Drive delivered the toys to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

The Hospital was very pleased to receive the donations. Sergeant Kelley was informed by the hospital's Donations Coordinator, not only will the toys be used as gifts but, some will be used as physical rehabilitation aids.

Shriners Children's Hospital is a Non-for Profit organization which specializes in pediatric care for a wide range of patients. They also treat patient regardless of financial or insurance status.



Youth Police Camp Extends Beyond Summer

Thursday, December 19, 2024, members of the Illinois State Police Team Illinois Youth Police Camp (Metro East) and committee delivered gifts to former camp members from their lists to brighten up their Christmas. The gifts were purchased from funds donated from the officers and committee. Gifts were delivered to kids all over Saint Clair and Madison Counties.



ISP Delivers Christmas Cheer to Fairview Heights Grant Middle School

Christmas spirit continues! Sergeant Maurice Austin partnered with Retired Major Derek Wise to support Gerald Nixon's Annual Christmas Initiative held at Grant Middle School in Fairview Heights! Gifts were donated to support this wonderful event to spread holiday cheer and provide gifts to several families in the Metro-East Region.





In Memoriam: former Trooper Ronald Tanner

Ronald "Ronnie" Tanner, age 84 years, a resident of New Burnside, Illinois, passed away peacefully Thursday afternoon, December 26, 2024, at 5 P.M. at his home.

Ronnie was born September 17, 1940, in New Burnside, Illinois. He was the son of Rual N. Tanner and Dimple H. (Cross) Tanner.

On June 23, 1967, Ronnie was united in marriage to Minnie Joe Duty in Johnston City, Illinois. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Ronnie is survived by: his daughters – Channa (Shane) Harrison of Tunnel Hill, Illinois and Katrina Burnett of Vienna, Illinois; grandchildren – Aaris (Ben) Farmer of Burnet, Texas, Jessica (Bryan) Waters of Vienna, Illinois, Dillan (Hannah) Harrison of Carrier Mills, Illinois, Savannah (Brandon) Casey of Vienna, Illinois, and Channa "C.J." (Andru) Noe of Dahlgren, Illinois; great grandchildren – Lakota, Gracie, Caden "Best Buddy," Brooke, Kaylee, Karsen, and Gwendalyn; his siblings – Donna White of Ozark, Illinois, Shirley Brown & Melba Tanner of New Burnside, Illinois, Karon (Bill) Scates of Shawneetown, Illinois, Debra (John) Bush of Harrisburg, Illinois, Gary (Helen) Tanner of New Burnside, Illinois, and John (Margaret) Tanner of Simpson, Illinois. Ronnie had many nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and his brothers-in-law who he considered his own brothers.

Ronnie was happily awaiting 2025 for the arrival of two more great granddaughters – Babies Casey and Waters. Ronnie was also looking forward to gaining a son-in-law, David East, of Mayfield, Kentucky.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by a daughter – Gwenda Elaine Tanner; 2 brothers – Richard "Dick" (Jo) Tanner and David Tanner; and a sister – Lynn (Charlie) Tanner.

Ronnie proudly served in the U.S. Air Force as a military police officer where he received various commendations. He then graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy and worked as a trooper for 12 years. Ronnie then transferred to the Illinois Department of Corrections where he was a captain/shift commander and retired in 1991.

Ronnie loved his family deeply and made them his priority. He loved his wife, Minnie Joe, and he displayed that love daily. He will forever be missed and lovingly remembered.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 29, 2024, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Pete Slivinski officiated. Burial was in the Reynoldsburg Cemetery near Tunnel Hill, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



Trooper Glenn Gagnon

End of Watch: December 28, 1952

Trooper Glenn Gagnon was killed in an automobile accident while pursuing a car that had passed his patrol car at 80 mph on Route 54 near Kankakee.

As Trooper Gagnon and his partner attempted to overtake the vehicle they crossed into the inside lane. As they rounded a curve an oncoming car forced the patrol car to swerve to the other lane and lose control. The car struck a tree and both troopers were thrown from the vehicle. Trooper Gagnon perished at the scene. His partner was injured but recovered.

Trooper Gagnon had served with the Illinois State Police for six years and was assigned to District 6. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII. Trooper Gagnon was survived by his wife, parents, and sister.



Lieutenant Clarence Robinson

Ed of Watch: December 28, 1963

Lieutenant Robinson was assigned to District 12A (District 19) from January 4, 1928 to July 5, 1933 and from January 1, 1941 to December 28, 1963.

Lt. Clarence Robinson, a native of Grayville, suffered a heart attack and died Saturday December 28 in the Richland Memorial Hospital at Olney. He had been ill since October 17 when he had his initial attack. Lt. Robinson was in command of the Albion sub-station at the time of his death.



Trooper Dale Van Vooren

End of Watch: December 29, 1962

Trooper Dale Van Vooren was killed in an automobile accident as a result of a mechanical failure in his squad car.

On what normally would have been his day off, Trooper Van Vooren was working a special holiday patrol on Saturday, December 29, 1962, with Trooper Darrel Vandenore. When the two first came on duty, they noticed that the accelerator was sticking when they first began their shift. They took the vehicle to a service station and had a spring replaced.

The repair did not fix the problem and afterwards, the problem was found to be a malfunctioning carburetor linkage. Accelerating to pursue a speeder, the two troopers were driving on Highway 6, about a mile east of Annawan, when the carburetor stuck wide open. The squad car spun out of control, struck a culvert, skidded across the highway and overturned. Trooper Van Vooren was thrown through the windshield. He died of head injuries at St. Francis Hospital in Kewanee. His partner, although seriously injured, survived and returned to duty.

Trooper Van Vooren was a U.S Navy veteran and served with the Illinois State Police for five years. He was assigned to District 7, Rock Island. He was survived by his wife and three children.

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