

ISP Partners with SIU-E on Cold Cases

Women in Jane Doe cases associated with a serial killer identified and first degree murder charges filed in a 14-year-old case

BELLEVILLE – A partnership between the Illinois State Police (ISP) and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) is offering real world experience for the next generation of criminal justice students and aiding ISP Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 special agents working to solve old homicide cases.

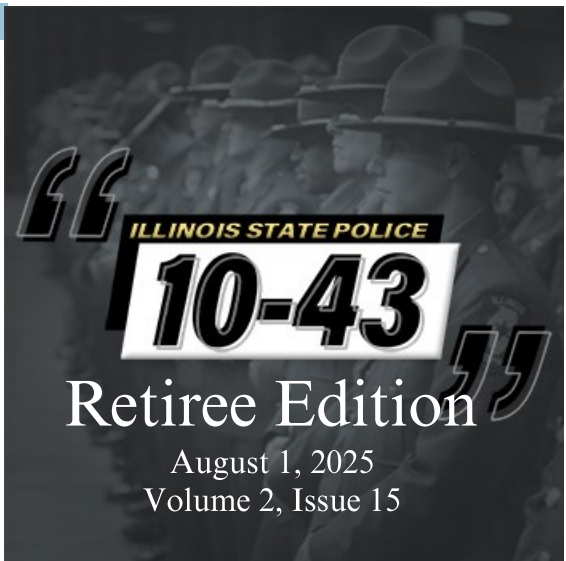
“The Illinois State Police investigates hundreds of new cases each year, while also following up on cold cases from years past,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “Improvements in technology and advancements in forensic testing over the years can breathe new life into old cases. SIUE students have helped us review cold cases to prioritize them based on how close they are to solving. The partnership is not only helping with cold case review, it is providing students with experience and insight into homicide investigations.”

In 2022, ISP and SIUE partnered to provide unpaid practical experience for Criminal Justice Program students. Each semester, SIUE students review cold cases and apply a solvability matrix to help prioritize cases based on the likelihood it could be furthered.

“This project has been an incredible learning experience for all of us, myself included. The collaboration leverages talent from multiple state entities and creates a novel, hands-on learning experience that has real world implications,” said SIUE Professor of Criminal Justice Studies Dr. Trish Oberweis.

Since the program began, SIUE students have worked closely with ISP special agents to review dozens of cases. As part of that review process, students have also created what they call a “Murder Book,” which includes searchable information for cold homicide cases in the Metro East.

“Every person deserves to be identified and remembered. I'm proud to have played a part in giving two women their names back,” said Ryleigh Franklin, an SIUE graduate involved in the program. “I'm incredibly grateful to SIUE and the Illinois State Police for giving me the chance to make a real difference.”



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Cold Cases, continued

In 2002, the bodies of three women, believed to be victims of serial killer Maury Travis, were found along Illinois roadways. Through the partnership, SIUE students were able to review two of these cases, learn about methods used to make forensic identifications, and track the continued efforts of ISP to identify these women.

ISP reviewed and entered all three cases in the National Missing and Unidentified Person System (NamUs) in 2014 and ensured the completion of DNA analysis at the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification. This year, students were able to witness the results of ISP's continued efforts to identify each of these women. Collaboration with partner criminal justice agencies and support services, including the Columbia Police Department, the FBI, the St. Charles County Police Department (MO), NamUs, and University of North Texas Center for Human Identification, has led to the identification of all three women.

- On January 30, 2002, road workers discovered a body along I-64 on the east side of the Silver Creek overpass near Mascoutah, IL. The individual appeared to have been deceased for several months. Fingerprint information was not available at the time of discovery due to decomposition, and dental charts were not available. After review, special agents identified the victim as Kelly Johnson.
- On March 11, 2002, road workers discovered a body along I-70 just west of Illinois Route 143 near Highland, IL. Neither fingerprint nor

dental charting information was available at the time. Earlier this year, ISP special agents identified the victim as Crystal Lay.

- On March 28, 2002, road workers discovered human skeletal remains in a creek bed adjacent to Illinois Route 3 in Columbia, IL. The remains appeared to be at least six months old. Again, ISP special agents were able to identify the victim in this case, Carol Jean Hemphill.

In another case, SIUE students and ISP special agents reviewed the death of Truman Smith, who was shot on February 17, 2011 while making a delivery to a business near 26th Street and McCasland Avenue in East St. Louis. Upon the arrival of officers, Smith was able to relay what had occurred and provided a description of the suspect. Smith was then transported to an area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. After an extensive investigation, 34-year-old Alan Davis of East St. Louis, IL was ultimately charged with First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) on May 22, 2025. Davis is currently being held at the Graham Correctional Center in Hillsboro, IL on an unrelated 2012 conviction for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm.

The partnership between ISP and SIUE is providing students with practical criminal investigation experience, and providing another avenue for review of cold cases to hold those responsible for crimes accountable.



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Director's Bulletin: August Promotions

I am pleased to announce the following promotions effective August 1, 2025.

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 promoted.

Brendan F. Kelly
Director

Captain Gregory Hart, 5415
DJS, Firearms Services Bureau

Captain Heather Apperson, 5453
DOP, Troop 7

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DCI, Zone 8

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DOP, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
Bureau

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OOD, Executive Protection Unit

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DFS, Scene and Evidence Services
Command

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DOP, SOG Central/South

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DOP, Troop 3

Lieutenant Andrew Kazenski, 6349
DOP, Deputy Director's Office

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DII, Northern Command (Matteson)

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DOP, Troop 3

Lieutenant Bryan Clauson, 5907
DOP, Troop 4

Lieutenant December Melville, 5827
DOP, Troop 5

Lieutenant Eric Weston, 6111
DCI, Zone 4

Lieutenant Jarran Riley, 6166
DCI, Zone 6

Lieutenant Jasmin Dixon, 6332
OOD, Office of Finance

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DFS, Traffic Reconstruction Unit

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DOP, Troop 3

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DJS, Bureau of Identification

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DCI, Zone 1

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DOP, Troop 9

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DAT, Training Development Bureau

Lieutenant Marco Pinto, 6362
OOD, Executive Protection Unit

Lieutenant Travis Irwin, 6344
DCI, Special Investigations Unit

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Master Sergeant Arthur Trillet, 6554
DCI, Zone 1

Master Sergeant Corinna Mead, 6477
DCI, Zone 5

Master Sergeant Elijah Moyers, 6422
DOP, Troop 8

Master Sergeant Elizabeth Clausing, 6693
DAT, Recruitment Section

Master Sergeant Eric Wetstein, 6236
DOP, Troop 3

Master Sergeant Isidro Herrera, 6209
DII, Northern Command (Matteson)

Master Sergeant James Simmons, 5939
DJS, Firearms Services Bureau

Master Sergeant Jeremy Kunken, 6415
DOP, Troop 3

Master Sergeant John-Paul Oliveto, 6224
DII, Northern Command (Sterling)

Master Sergeant Joshua Allotey, 6119
DAT, Special Projects Officer/HGU
Coordinator

Master Sergeant Joshua Heer, 6464
DCI, Zone 2

Master Sergeant Juan Luaisa, 6529
DOP, Troop 1

Master Sergeant Kenneth Patterson, 6083
DOP, SOC/SOG-South

Master Sergeant Kevin Weber, 6504
DOP, Troop 3

Master Sergeant Kyle Border, 6446
DCI, Investigative Support Command/ITEG

Master Sergeant Leslee Nissen, 6360
DFS, Scene and Evidence Services
Command

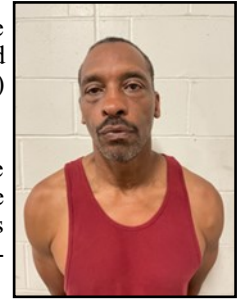
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Master Sergeant Luis Tigera, 6232 DII, Deputy Director's Office	Sergeant Daniel Rocha, 6814 DCI, Zone 1	Sergeant Patrick Murphy, 7127 DCI, Zone 4
Master Sergeant Matthew Hannan , 5792 DCI, SOCOM/SWAT	Sergeant David Juergensen, 6348 DCI, Special Investigations Unit	Sergeant Patrick Young, 7144 DOP, Troop 2
Master Sergeant Natale Panvard, 6604 DII, Northern Command (Matteson)	Sergeant Erica Lavalle, 6065 DCI, ISC/Training & Special Projects	Sergeant Peter Hackleman, 7018 DOP, Troop 7
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Master Sergeant Travis Molloy, 5691 DCI, SOCOM	Sergeant Jeremy Shippert, 6597 DCI, SOCOM/SWAT	Sergeant Richard Flatley, 6134 DCI, Zone 1
Master Sergeant Victor J Garcia, 6399 DCI, SOCOM/SWMDT	Sergeant Jonathan Pflaum, 6971 DOP, Troop 9	Sergeant Riley Stevens, 7077 DOP, Troop 2
Master Sergeant William Blackburn, 5375 DCI, Investigative Support Command	Sergeant Joshua Meyer, 6639 DCI, SOCOM/SWAT	Sergeant Robert Kaczmarczyk, 5967 DOP, Troop 3
Master Sergeant Woodrow Montgomery, 5750 DOP, Troop 3	Sergeant Joshua Ushman, 6654 DII, Deputy Director's Office	Sergeant Robert Lyons, 6707 DCI, SOCOM/Air Ops
Sergeant Aaron Carr, 6858 DCI, Zone 5	Sergeant Kyle DeGroot, 5912 DOP, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau	Sergeant Robert Swift, 6000 DCI, SOCOM/SWAT
Sergeant Anthony McLaren, 6794 DOP, Troop 3	Sergeant Antoine Finner, 6575 DII, Northern Command (Matteson)	Sergeant Ryan Donegan, 7192 DOP, Troop 3
Sergeant Brett Nelson, 6538 DOP, Troop 3	Sergeant Lee Stewart, 7134 DCI, Zone 7	Sergeant Scott Dagner, 6029 DOP, SOC/SOG-South
Sergeant Brian Stack, 6730 DOP, Troop 3	Sergeant Marcos Soto, 6728 DOP, SOC/SOG-North	Sergeant Scott Wernet, 6834 DCI, Zone 2
Sergeant Chad Carlson, 7103 DCI, Zone 5	Sergeant Marcus Nettles, 6359 DAT, Statewide Recruitment/Internship Coordinator	Sergeant Seth Dauber, 6863 DOP, Troop 2
Sergeant Clint Nickel, 6424 DOP, SOC - Support Services	Sergeant Mark Nytko, 6802 DOP, Troop 3	Sergeant Simeon Siudyla, 6724 DAT, Investigative In-Service Training Coordinator
Sergeant Colin Subick, 6733 DCI, Zone 6	Sergeant Matthew Deschamps, 6573 DFS, Scene and Evidence Services Command	Sergeant Stephen Feurer, 7104 DOP, SOC/SOG-Central
Sergeant Daniel Kenshol, 6213 OOD, Executive Protection Unit	Sergeant Michael Mueller, 6893 DOP, Troop 4	Sergeant Timothy Becket, 6750 DCI, Zone 4

ISP and Sangamon County State's Attorney Announce Arrest in Death of Springfield Woman Found on I-55

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 4 and Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser announce the arrest of 57-year-old Robert Lee Jr. of Springfield, IL, for three counts of First-Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and one count of Concealment of a Homicidal Death (Class 3 Felony).

On March 13, 2024, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) notified ISP of the discovery of human remains located along the I-55 southbound ramp from Stevenson Drive in Springfield. The victim was later identified as Teresa Coleman of Springfield. ISP was requested to handle the death investigation. Preliminary autopsy results determined Coleman's death to be a homicide.



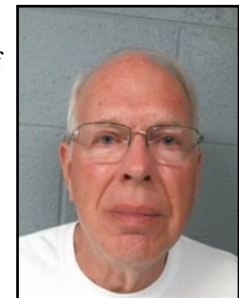
After a lengthy and thorough investigation, ISP special agents identified Robert Lee as the suspect. An arrest warrant was issued for Lee. On July 23, 2025, the US Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force and ISP special agents took Lee into custody. Lee is being held at the Sangamon County Jail pending a detention hearing.

ISP is continuing to investigate the homicide. Anyone with information regarding Teresa's death that leads to a conviction may receive a cash reward up to \$5,000. If you have any information regarding this incident call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 217-788-8427.

ISP Arrests Du Quoin Man for Possession and Dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Material

DU QUOIN – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 7 announce the arrest of 70-year-old Jon W. Montgomery of Du Quoin, IL for multiple counts of Possession and Dissemination of Child Pornography.

On June 11, 2025, ISP special agents executed a search warrant at Montgomery's residence in rural Du Quoin and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child sexual abuse materials. Montgomery was booked into the Perry County jail on July 23, 2025, and a detention hearing is set for July 24, 2025. Montgomery was charged with seven counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony) and four counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography – Victim Under 13 Years of Age (Class X Felony).

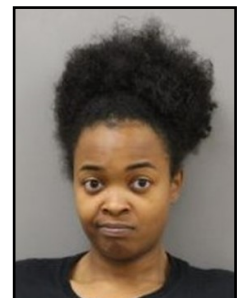


Any individuals with further information are encouraged to contact ISP Zone 7 Investigations at 618-542-2171.

ISP Arrests Chicago Woman for Road-Rage Expressway Shooting

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 24-year-old Octavia Howleit from Chicago, IL for one count of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class X Felony) and one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) related to a road-rage incident and expressway shooting on I-57 in April.

On April 30, 2025, at approximately 2:36 p.m., ISP officers responded to the Mobil Gas Station in the 2700 Block of 147th Street in Posen, IL for the report of a victim who had been shot on I-57 near 127th Street. The victim was struck by gunfire while driving on I-57 and pulled over at the gas station before being transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. After an exhaustive investigation, ISP special agents identified Howleit as a suspect.

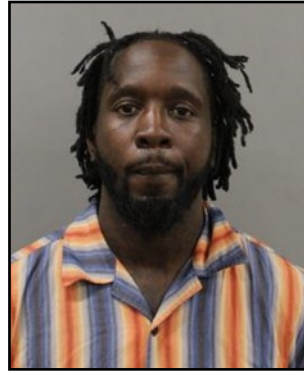


On July 21, 2025, ISP special agents took Howleit into custody. ISP special agents presented their case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed against Howleit. Howleit is being held pending her first court appearance.

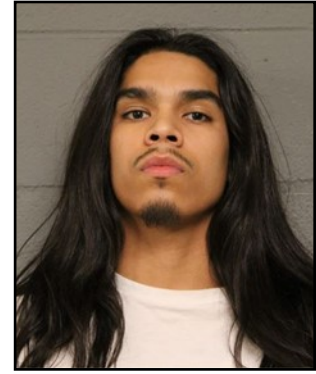
ISP Arrests Chicago Men for Attempted Murder in Expressway Shootings

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 36-year-old Lamarcus R. Ferguson of Country Club Hills, IL and 22-year-old Aldo Ruiz of Wonder Lake, IL for Attempted Murder, stemming from recent expressway shooting investigations.

On July 9, 2025, ISP officers responded to an expressway shooting on Interstate 94 northbound at 47th Street in Chicago. Two victims had been struck by gunfire and were taken to an area hospital for treatment. After a thorough investigation, ISP agents identified Ferguson as a suspect.



Lamarcus R. Ferguson



Aldo Ruiz

On July 21, 2025, the Country Club Hills Police Department took Ferguson into custody during a traffic stop. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved five counts of Attempted Murder (Class X Felony), two counts of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) and five counts of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony). There is no further information.

On July 12, 2025, ISP officers responded to an expressway shooting on I-90 southbound at East River Road in Chicago. One victim had been struck by gunfire and was taken to an area hospital for treatment. After a thorough investigation, ISP agents identified Ruiz as a suspect.

ISP Arrests Winnebago County Man for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Materials

LOVES PARK – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 special agents arrested 20-year-old Tyler J. Horton of Loves Park, IL for 10 counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 1 Felony).

On July 24, 2025, ISP special agents executed a search warrant at Horton's residence in the 4500 block of Moorlands Drive in Loves Park and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child sexual abuse materials. ISP special agents arrested Horton and transported him to the Winnebago County Jail pending his first court appearance.



ISP was assisted in their investigation by the Boone County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Belvidere Police Department, Loves Park Police Department, Freeport Police Department, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Troop 6 Detail Nets 31 Arrests

ISP conducted a 6-day joint traffic enforcement detail in Sangamon County. The detail focused on high crash fatality areas, high crime areas, organized violent offenders, and structured criminal groups utilizing our interstate systems in furtherance of crime in and around Springfield.

Participating agencies were ISP, Springfield Police Department - Illinois, and the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office.

Detail Results

Citations Issued: 385
Subjects arrested: 31
Firearms Seized: 6
Criminal Charges: 52
Felony Charges: 26
Recovered stolen vehicle: 1
Cocaine Seized: 44 Pounds
Illegal Cannabis Seized: 1453 pounds

ISP is proud to work with our law enforcement partners to make our community a safer place.

ISP Combats Vehicle Hijacking and Theft

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) continues to target vehicle theft, hijacking, and related violent crimes using grant funding from the Illinois Secretary of State Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. ISP was awarded a \$10 million grant for the first fiscal year, another \$677,000 in June 2024, and \$637,500 in July 2025.

From April through June 2025, ISP missions resulted in the following:

Vehicles recovered – stolen and/or hijacked	225
Stolen vehicle arrests	6
Hijacked vehicle arrests	0
Firearms seized as a result of stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery	15
Missions targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime	48
K9 used for stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violence crime	27
Air Operations targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime	48
Forensic laboratory assignments related to stolen/hijacked vehicle	1,215

Highlights of ISP vehicle recovery efforts:

- April 26, 2025, ISP located a stolen Land Rover and attempted a traffic stop on I-94 southbound at 95th Street in Chicago, but the Land Rover fled. The driver of the Land Rover parked around 83rd and Elizabeth and two occupants ran from the vehicle. ISP took both occupants into custody and recovered a firearm.
- May 3, 2025, ISP located a stolen Kia and attempted a traffic stop in the 400 block of Sauget Avenue in Cahokia, but the Kia fled. The driver of the Kia stopped and two occupants ran from the vehicle. One occupant was taken into custody.
- June 1, 2025, ISP located a stolen Jeep and attempted a traffic stop on I-94 northbound at 43rd Street in Chicago, but the Jeep fled. The driver of the Jeep parked near Haddon and Kostner and five occupants ran from the vehicle. ISP took all five occupants into custody and recovered a firearm.

ISP Looks Forward to a Fun and Safe Illinois State Fair

Yesterday, the Illinois State Police joined forces with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDoA) for Press Preview Day, an opportunity for news outlets and the public to learn about new attractions and security measures in place for the 2025 Illinois State Fair.



IDoA's announcements included pickleball events, a craft beer competition, and flash sales on Grandstand entertainment.

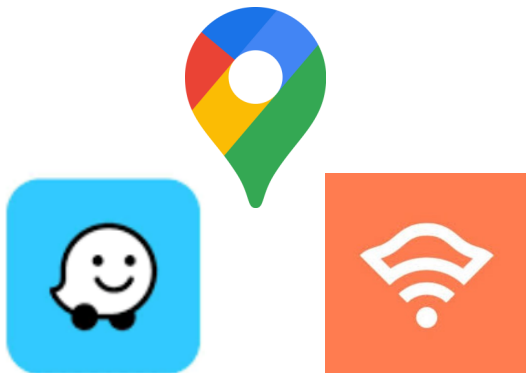
ISP Troop 6 Commander Joshua Adcock spoke about security updates aimed at improving safety for all fair-goers. Security measures include walk-through metal detectors at the Grandstand, bag-check procedures, uniformed troopers throughout the fairgrounds focused on community engagement and rapid response, along with new technology.

"These new security measures aren't just about enforcement; they're about prevention, visibility, and reassurance. Our goal is simple: keep the Fair a fun, secure space for everyone. Our new security measures and updates add up to one clear message: We are prepared. We are present. And your safety is our priority."
- Acting Captain J. Adcock

Field Study of Digital Alert Systems to Increase Move Over Compliance



During July 22-24, 2025, the Division of Statewide 9-1-1 assisted IDOT and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (U of I) in a field study to evaluate the benefits of digital alerting systems. This is a multi-year study that seeks to utilize technology on emergency response vehicles to improve Move Over compliance. The technology being evaluated involved a HAAS alert beacon, which is activated in conjunction with the activation of emergency lights on a patrol car. The beacon sends a signal to GPS mapping programs, such as Google Maps and Waze, which alerts drivers to the presence of an emergency vehicle ahead. The study utilized a helicopter to observe the driving behaviors of motorists and collect data, which researchers at the University of Illinois will analyze.



Quick Thinking in Troop 4



On July 18, 2025, Troop 4 officers narrowly avoided what could have been a major hazardous materials incident. Troopers were dispatched to a rolled-over tractor-trailer hauling anhydrous ammonia after initial reports indicated the tanker was leaking.

Upon arrival, Troop 4 immediately secured the scene, established a safety perimeter, and implemented hazmat precautions. After a thorough inspection, it was determined that the tank was not leaking. Although the trailer had buckled during the rollover, it remained intact

and unpunctured.

Thanks to the coordinated response, a large-scale spill was avoided, the roadway was safely cleared, and no injuries were reported.

Teamwork, Commitment, Pride!

The 2025 Team Illinois Youth Police Camp at Lewis University was a tremendous success this summer! The Team Illinois Youth Police Camp is a highly structured, week-long residential program held at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL. during the month of June. Modeled after a military-style format, the camp is designed for teens ages 13 to 17 and focuses on developing life-enhancing skills while fostering a positive rapport between youth and law enforcement.

This year's camp was led by dedicated sworn officers from a variety of agencies, including the Illinois

State Police, Indiana State Police, Chicago Police Department, Bartlett Police Department, and the Illinois National Guard. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lewis University and their Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies Department for their continued partnership and commitment to hosting this impactful camp year after year. We couldn't be more proud of our graduating cadets and all they achieved. We look forward to seeing these exceptional young men and women continue to grow and thrive in the future.



ISP Celebrates Summer Retirements



MSgt. Matt McCormick



Sgt. Steve Ent

Central SOG proudly celebrates the retirement of Sgt. Steve Ent, effective June 30, after 25 years of dedicated service, and MSgt. Matt McCormick, effective July 31, after 26 years of outstanding service. Congratulations to you both and thank you for your commitment and excellence!



On Tuesday, July 29, 2025, ISP Troop 8 presented Master Sergeant Kristopher Gebke with a plaque celebrating his retirement effective July 31, after 26 years and 8 months of dedicated service.

Congratulations MSgt. Gebke and thank you for your commitment to the citizens of Illinois.

On Monday, July 21, 2025, ISP Troop 8 presented Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer, Trooper Steve Kerley, with a plaque celebrating his retirement effective July 31 after 24 years and 4 months of dedicated service.

Congratulations Trooper Kerley and thank you for your service to the citizens of Illinois!



In Memoriam

Mrs. Pansy “Pat” Hollo

It is with deep regret to inform you of the death of Pansy “Pat” Hollo, age 92, **wife of retired District 11 Trooper Oliver Hollo, mother of retired District 18 Master Sergeant Ollie Hollo and retired District 12 Captain Brian Hollo.**



Mrs. Hollo passed away Monday, July 28 at Hillsboro Rehab & Health Care Center in Hillsboro, IL. Services will be at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield on Saturday, August 2 at 12:00 noon with visitation from 9am until time of service.

Mrs. Hollo's full obituary can be found here: <https://www.plummerfuneralservices.com/obituary/PansyPat-Hollo>

Trooper Robert Caldwell



It is with deep regret to inform you of the death of Mr. Robert Lawson “Bob” Caldwell.

Mr. Caldwell passed away July 28, 2025, peacefully in Albion, IL.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1952 – 1956.

Mr. Caldwell was a trooper with Illinois State Police from 1957 to 1985. He worked both District 12-A and District 19.

He was elected sheriff of Edwards County and served with honesty and integrity from 1990 – 1994.

Please keep the family and friends of the Caldwell’s in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Services listed below:

Visitation:
West Village Christian Church
296 County Road 1300 North
Albion, IL 62806

Visitation will be August 1, 2025, at 1PM. This will be followed by a memorial service at 4PM.
Burial at a later date.



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN TROOPER

Trooper
Clarence Swain

End of Watch
August 1, 1959

Trooper Clarence Swain served with the Illinois State Police in District 9. Trooper Swain was killed in an automobile accident. A truck pulled out in front of his path and failed to gain speed. In an attempt to avoid striking the truck Trooper Swain swerved into the opposite lane but struck a vehicle head-on. Both he and the driver of the other vehicle were killed. Trooper Swain's partner was injured in the accident.

Trooper Swain had served with the Illinois State Police. He was a veteran of both WWII and the Korea, War. Trooper Swain was survived by his wife and four children. Trooper Swain's Illinois State Police career spanned from May 29, 1950 to August 1, 1959.