

# Santana Found Guilty on All Charges Stemming from the Assault on Trooper Dakotah Chapman-Green

ISP thanks the Sangamon County State Attorney's Office and the jurors in the trial of Cristobal Santana for their work in bringing Santana to justice after he attempted to murder ISP Trooper Dakotah Chapman-Green on a traffic stop in October 2023. By the grace of God, Trooper Chapman-Green survived the attack and has returned to full duty with ISP. Officers like Chapman-Green selflessly put their lives on the line every day to protect the public. This conviction reaffirms that their sacrifice is recognized and justice will not only be pursued, but prevail.

Director Brendan F. Kelly

A black and white photograph of a group of police officers in uniform, looking forward. Overlaid on the image is the text "ILLINOIS STATE POLICE" in a small box, followed by "10-43" in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below this, the words "Retiree Edition" are written in a serif font, followed by "August 29, 2025" and "Volume 2, Issue 17" in a smaller font. Large quotation marks are visible on the left and right sides of the text.

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*Brendan F. Kelly—Director*

# Got Your 6—On the Job and Beyond

"Got your 6" is a military phrase that originated with World War 1 fighter pilots. Using a clock face to indicate position, "six o'clock" was directly behind the plane, or the pilot's back. The phrase, now widely adopted by the broader military community, veterans, and law enforcement, indicates loyalty, support, and vigilance.

In 2012, ISP Trooper Kyle Deatherage was killed during a traffic stop on I-55 near Litchfield. Kyle's friend and classmate, Trooper Robert Pagliaro, promised Kyle's wife Sarah that no one would ever forget Kyle's name, or his sacrifice. The Got Your 6 Foundation was born.

Got Your 6 strives to build comradery and bring awareness to mental health concerns among law enforcement, first responders, and their loved ones. Pagliaro wants his fellow law enforcement officers to understand they are not alone. "Even when confronted with the 'bad stuff,' we can still have fun experiences outside the 'bad stuff.'" Several events are planned each year to bring the ISP community together and celebrate friendship – for "those with us and those who have gone before us." The Foundation also holds various events and fundraisers to raise awareness, and funding, to support the families of fallen first responders.

One such event is Brooke's Bleachers. Trooper Brooke Jones-Story was a die-hard Cubs fan. Every year, the Got Your 6 Foundation organizes an outing to a Cubs game in her memory. Families of



first responders join members of law enforcement to enjoy a game of baseball and see that their loved ones are not forgotten.

Trooper Pagliaro finds the Got Your 6 Foundation to be both a blessing and a curse. He has found many ways to help and serve, but felt the calling to do so because, in his words, "our friends are dying, and it sucks."

What started as an effort to recognize the sacrifice of Illinois State Police and their families, now has national, and even international reach. In addition to assisting the families and preserving the memories of ISP Troopers, Got Your 6 has assisted the families of Chicago Police Sgt. Petar Brkovic, ISP K9 Bane, and Connecticut State Trooper Aaron Pelletier.

Got Your 6 never intended to have a one-size-fits-all template to its generosity. Trooper Pagliaro is proud that the organization can scale assistance provided to families based on their personal need.

Trooper Brian Frank's journey has been a major focus of the Got Your 6 Foundation over the last few years. On February 15, 2021, Trooper Brian Frank was in his parked squad car, his emergency lights activated, when a vehicle crashed into him from behind. Trooper Frank was airlifted to a hospital with serious injuries to his brain and underwent emergency surgery. Initially, the outlook for Trooper Frank was bleak, but he defied the odds. In the last four years, Got Your 6 has organized or supported countless fundraisers, merchandise sales, and events. Most importantly, the Got Your 6 Foundation has served as a cheerleader for Trooper Frank's wife Lauren, who became her husband's full-time caregiver and advocate.

Just as Lauren never gives up on Brian, Got Your 6 never wants to give up on any first responder  
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## Got Your 6—On the Job and Beyond, continued

or family needing support.

On December 23, 2024, a member of Trooper Pagliaro's unit, and one of his best friends, Trooper Clay Carns, was struck and killed on I-55 in Will County. Looking forward to ending his shift and going home, Trooper Carns spotted dangerous debris on the roadway, stopped his squad car, activated his lights, and attempted to remove the debris from the roadway so that anyone traveling that stretch of road would get home safely. Sadly, Trooper Carns was the one who didn't make it home that night. Only three days later, Got Your 6 launched a fundraiser to support Trooper Carns' widow, Meghan, and their two children.

Trooper Carns' story made headlines, as did the fundraiser. Within a few short weeks, over \$300,000 had been raised to support the Carns family. A second fundraiser, specifically so the



Trooper Pagliaro, front, and Trooper Carns, middle right, with co-workers.

Carns family could utilize Instacart rather than needing to personally shop for groceries, was also highly successful. While Pagliaro was humbled and overjoyed by the generosity shown to his friends, he truly hopes a similar effort will never again be necessary.

From a grassroots, one-man operation, the Got Your 6 Foundation took a small step in 2016 with the establishment of a Facebook page and email address. By 2019, the Facebook page boasted 347 followers. When tragedy struck again later that year with the death of Trooper Brooke Jones-Story, significant attention was drawn to the mis-

sion of Got Your 6, leading to over 10,000 followers today. In 2024, Got Your 6 Foundation became a 501c3 organization. Now, donations to first responder families made to the foundation are tax-deductible for the giver.

Marked by this change in status, another step forward is the move from reactive giving to proactive giving. When the apartment of ISP Trooper Malique Johnson was damaged by fire, Got Your 6 was able to give him funds from their reserve to cover his immediate needs.

When asked "what's next?" Trooper Pagliaro discussed the transitional period Got Your 6 finds itself in. How big does it want to grow? He mentioned the organization Tunnel 2 Towers – "they do BIG things." Got Your 6? "We do little things, that are HUGE to those who need them." Cited as examples of those "huge" things were the Instacart fundraiser for the Carns family and various efforts related to Brian Frank's ongoing treatment both in Illinois and in Texas.

The current goal is to be able to provide day to day support for first responder families, for as long as they need it. Pagliaro mused, "I hope if I ever needed it, somebody would do the same for me."

Master Trooper Robert Pagliaro, a 16-year veteran of the Illinois State Police, declined to comment on his own life's story, simply saying, "I'm not important." He added, "Many people could have created this organization, I just happen to be the one who did."

Follow the Got Your 6 Foundation on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064713754675>

There are several ways to support the Foundation:

- Mail a check to: Got Your 6 Foundation, PO Box 631, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
- Donate online using the donation button on Got Your 6's Facebook page
- Venmo to @GY6NFP
- PayPal to gy6nfp@gmail.com.
- or purchase merchandise from their [online store](#).

# SUPPORT LAURA VERDERBER IN HER FIGHT AGAINST A BRAIN TUMOR

Together, we can ease the burden and show our support.

Our friend and colleague, Laura Verderber, has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor. While she faces this challenging journey with courage, the medical expenses, travel for treatment, and time away from work will create a significant financial strain.

We're asking for support to rally together to help lift some of this weight so she and her family can focus on what matters most—healing.

## How You Can Help:

**Donate** – Any amount makes a difference.

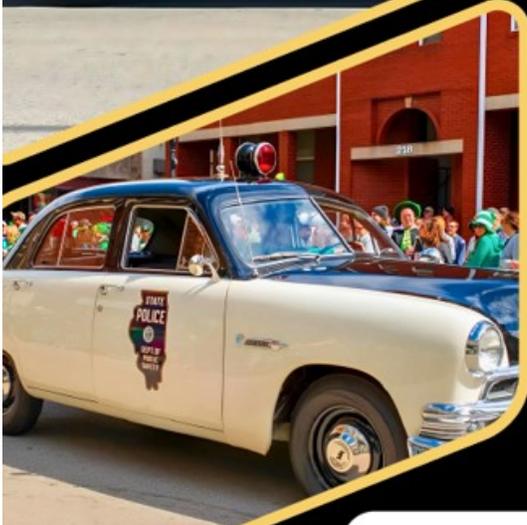
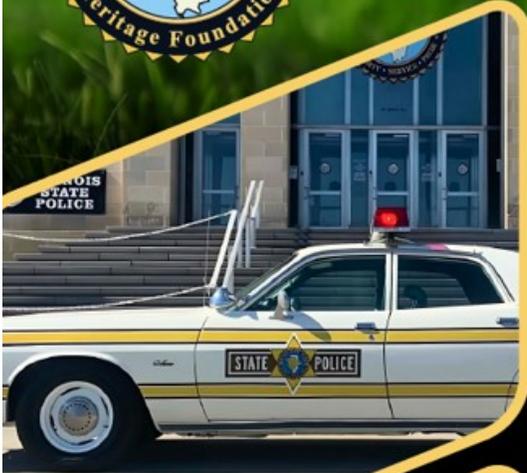
**Share** – Spread the word to friends, family, and social media.

**Encourage** – Send messages of support and hope.



<https://www.isphf.org/donate>

When one of us is in need, we all stand together.  
Thank you for your generosity and compassion.



Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation

# GOLF OUTING

**September 15, 2025**

**Edgewood Golf Club**  
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**11:00 AM Registration**  
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**REGISTRATION:**  
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- ★ KICKSTANDS UP AT NOON
- ★ ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME.
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## ISP Squad Car Struck on I-88

### *ISP Experiences 9th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025*

**OAKBROOK** – Illinois State Police (ISP) officers investigated a traffic crash that occurred on I-88 westbound at milepost 139 in DuPage County involving an ISP trooper. The trooper was assisting another motorist when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On August 17, 2025, at approximately 4:02 a.m., an ISP trooper was parked on the right shoulder of I-88 behind a tractor-trailer that was broken down; the squad car had its emergency lights activated. A Tesla failed to move over and struck the rear passenger side of the trooper's squad car, pushing it forward into the rear of the tractor-trailer. The trooper was inside of the squad car at the time of the crash and sustained injuries. The driver of the Tesla, 24-year-old Sebastian G. Rodriguez of Romeoville, IL, and trooper were both transported to area hospitals with injuries. The trooper's squad car was towed from the scene due to disabling damage sustained from the crash. Rodriguez was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Aggravated Scott's Law/Move Over Law violations.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered nine Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2024, ISP suffered 27 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven 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 Troopers Locate 15 Kilos of Cocaine During Traffic Stop in Kankakee County

**KANKAKEE** – The Illinois State Police (ISP), with the assistance of the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group, arrested 63-year-old Dwayne B. Cook of Spring, TX after an ISP traffic stop on I-57.

On August 16, 2025, at approximately 3:24 a.m., an ISP trooper conducted a motor carrier safety inspection on a truck tractor on I-57 northbound near milepost 302 in Chebanse, Kankakee County. A search of the truck tractor revealed 15 kilo bundles (approximately 40 pounds) of suspected cocaine. The driver, identified as Cook, was arrested, and charged with Controlled Substance Trafficking (Class X Felony) and Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Class X Felony). He is being held at the Jerome Cobs Detention Center pending his first court appearance.



## ISP Arrests Road Rage Expressway Shooting Suspect in Less Than 24-Hours

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 33-year-old Cameron Jackson-Bey of Homewood, IL for one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) and one count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 4 Felony) related to road rage expressway shooting on I-94. On August 15, 2025, at approximately 3:35 p.m., ISP troopers responded to an expressway shooting on I-94 southbound near 71st Street. A road rage incident occurred, and the suspect fired a weapon at the victim's vehicle. No injuries were reported.

In less than 24 hours from the time of the shooting, ISP Special Agents identified Jackson-Bey as the suspect, located him, and took him into custody.

On August 16, 2025, ISP Special Agents presented their case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. Jackson-Bey is being held pending his first court appearance.

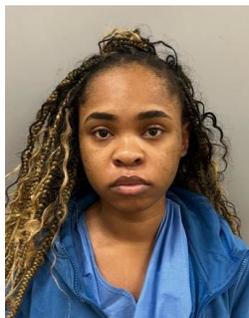


## ISP Arrests Chicago Woman After Passenger Dies in DUI Crash

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 27-year-old Daja S. Williams of Chicago, IL after a serious crash in Chicago left one passenger deceased and another injured.

On August 16, 2025, ISP troopers responded to a single vehicle rollover crash on the I-94 northbound exit to 130th Street in Chicago. The driver, Williams, was injured as a result. Her two passengers were also injured, one of them critically. The critically injured 26-year-old male passenger later died from his injuries.

On August 18, 2025, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Causing– Death (Class 2 Felony) and one count of Reckless Homicide (Class 3 Felony) against Williams. Williams is being held pending her first court appearance.



## ISP Arrests Bureau County Man for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Materials

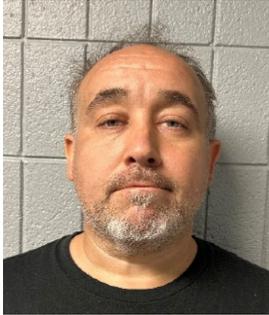
**PRINCETON** – ISP Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 38-year-old James D. Paranto of Princeton, IL for three counts of Possession and Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony).



On February 1, 2024, ISP Special Agents executed a residential search warrant at Paranto's residence in the 300 block of S. Vernon Street in Princeton, IL, which was based on a cyber-tip that Paranto was engaged in internet crimes against children. Evidence was seized and extensive forensic examination was required.

On August 18, 2025, The Bureau County State's Attorney's Office issued an arrest warrant for the above-mentioned charges, and the Bureau County Sheriff's Office located Paranto and took him into custody.

## ISP Arrests Knox County Man for Possession and Dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Material



**GALESBURG** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 Special Agents arrested 45-year-old Destan L. Hoots of Galesburg, IL for 15 counts of Possession of Child Pornography Under Age of 13 (Class 2 Felony) and one count of Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony).

On August 21, 2025, ISP Special Agents executed a search warrant at Hoots' residence in the 400 block of North Academy Street in Galesburg and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child sexual abuse materials. ISP Special Agents arrested Hoots on the above-mentioned charges, and he was transported to the Knox County Jail.

The Galesburg Police Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office, and the Illinois Attorney General's High-Tech Crimes Unit assisted with the investigation.

## K9 Riot to Get Donation of Body Armor

**SPRINGFIELD** – Illinois State Police K9 Riot will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Riot's vest was sponsored by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of K9 Poseidon, Camp Point, IL - EOW 11-8-24". Delivery is expected within ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 6,225 vests valued at \$6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs at least 20 months old, actively employed, and certified with

law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$1,050 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1800.00, weighs an average of 4-5 lbs., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call (508) 824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org), or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.



## ISP Leads Human Trafficking Demand Suppression Operation

**FORSYTH** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Trafficking Enforcement Group arrested five individuals during a two-day human trafficking demand suppression operation in the Forsyth area of Macon County on August 21 - 22, 2025. 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:

- Thad E. Olson (58) of Bloomington, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony) and Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony).
- Robert W. Danbury (34) of Decatur, IL – Indecent Solicitation of a Child (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony).
- David R. Martin (69) of Bethany, IA – Indecent Solicitation of a Child (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony), and Grooming (Class 4 Felony).

- Benito Rojas-Martinez (54) of Urbana, IL – Indecent Solicitation of a Child (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony), and Grooming (Class 4 Felony).

- Luke V. Nguyen (54) of Peoria, IL – Indecent Solicitation of a Child (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3 Felony), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony), and Grooming (Class 4 Felony).

This operation was part of a multifaceted approach by ISP aimed at stopping human trafficking in Illinois. The Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group, East Central Illinois Drug Task Force, North Central Narcotics Task Force, Task Force 6, Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group, ISP Zone 4 Special Agents, ISP SWAT, ISP Intelligence Support Unit, and the ISP Division of Patrol - Special Operations Group-Central partnered for the operation. The Macon County State's Attorney's Office also provided support for the operation.

## ISP Arrests Herrin Man for Possession and Dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Material

**HERRIN** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 7 arrested 23-year-old Peyton Steckenrider of Herrin, IL for multiple counts of Possession and Dissemination of Child Pornography.



On August 28, 2025, ISP Special Agents executed a search warrant at Steckenrider's residence in the 500 block of S. 26th Street in Herrin. The investigation revealed evidence of child sexual abuse materials. Steckenrider was

booked into the Williamson County jail pending a detention hearing. Steckenrider was charged with eight counts of Possession of Child Pornography – Victim Under 13 Years of Age (Class 2 Felony) and eight counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography – Victim Under 13 Years of Age (Class X Felony).

ISP Special Agents were assisted by the Illinois Attorney General's Office High Tech Crimes Bureau, the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, the Herrin Police Department, the Illinois Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce, the Southern Illinois Edwardsville Police Department, and the Williamson County State's Attorney's Office. Any individuals with further information are encouraged to contact ISP Zone 7 Investigations at 618-542-2171.

## ISP Arrests Two Men for Burglary to Prairie View Rest Area

**MONEE** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 41-year-old Flavio Retana from Burbank, IL and 34-year-old Bernardo Hernandez-Molina from Melrose Park, IL for Burglary (Class 2 Felony), Theft Greater Than \$500 (Class 3 Felony), and Criminal Trespass to State Supported Land (Class A Misdemeanor). On August 18, 2025, ISP responded to a report of a burglary that occurred at the I-57 northbound Prairie View Rest Area in Monee, which is current-

ly closed due to construction. The theft occurred during the evening of Sunday, August 17, 2025, and maintenance equipment was reportedly taken.

After a thorough investigation, ISP Special Agents identified the vehicle used during the burglary. On August 22, 2025, the vehicle was located, Retana and Hernandez-Molina were taken into custody. Both are currently detained at the Will County Adult Detention Facility.

## ISP Arrests Du Quoin Man for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse

**DU QUOIN** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigations Zone 7 Major Crimes Special Agents arrested 36-year-old Christopher B. Davis of Du Quoin, IL for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class 2 Felony).



In December of 2024, ISP Special Agents were requested by the Du Quoin Police Department and Perry Jackson County Child Advocacy Center to investigate possible sexual abuse of a minor involving Davis. An extensive investigation was conducted over the next several months. On August 22, 2025, a warrant was issued for Davis's arrest. On August 25, 2025, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office took Davis into custody. Davis was held at Jackson County pending his first court appearance.

ISP Special Agents were assisted by the Du Quoin Police Department, Perry Jackson County Child Advocacy Center, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office. If anyone has any further information concerning this case, please contact ISP Zone 7 Investigations at 618-542-2171.

## ISP Arrests Flora Woman for Charges Involving a Minor



**FLORA** - Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 8 arrested 24-year-old Jaryn L. Allen of Flora, IL, Harmful Material (Class 4 Felony) and Contributing to the Criminal Delinquency of a Minor (Class

A Misdemeanor).

On May 8, 2025, ISP was requested by the Flora Police Department to investigate an allegation of

distributing harmful materials to a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, including reportedly providing alcohol to a minor between March 1 and May 7, 2025, in Clay County.

After a thorough investigation, ISP Special Agents presented their findings to the Clay County State's Attorney. On August 28, 2025, Allen was formally charged with the above charges. Allen was taken into custody on an arrest warrant by ISP Special Agents and the Flora Police Department. Allen was transported to the Clay County Jail where she remains in custody with no bond.

## Veteran ISP Detective Retires

Reprinted from Wayne County Press; Len Wells, author



Veteran Illinois State Police (ISP) Detective Sgt. Rich White of Fairfield officially retired Thursday, July 31. A retirement luncheon was held at the Mount Vernon, Ill. police station.

White began his ISP career June 3, 2001. Upon graduating as co-valedictorian in December 2001, White chose District 19 and was assigned to live in White County. Upon completion of field training, White interviewed for an investigative position in the Child Victimization Unit and was assigned to the Marion office in July 2002.

Although new to ISP, White had 8 ½ years combined prior law enforcement experience at Elkton KY Police Department, Henderson, KY Police Department and Kentucky State Police.

When agents from the Child Victimization Unit were moved into the Zones to lead investigations pertaining to crimes against children, White was assigned to Zone 7 Carmi office. For the next 15 years, White consistently led Zone 7 in opening cases, confessions, arrests and convictions. White was Zone 7 nominee for Trooper of the Year in 2005. In 2008, White received recognition from the State Fire Marshal's Office for solving multiple arsons in Wayne County, one of which the arsonist set fire to the home of a Fairfield City Police Officer while he and his family were in bed asleep.

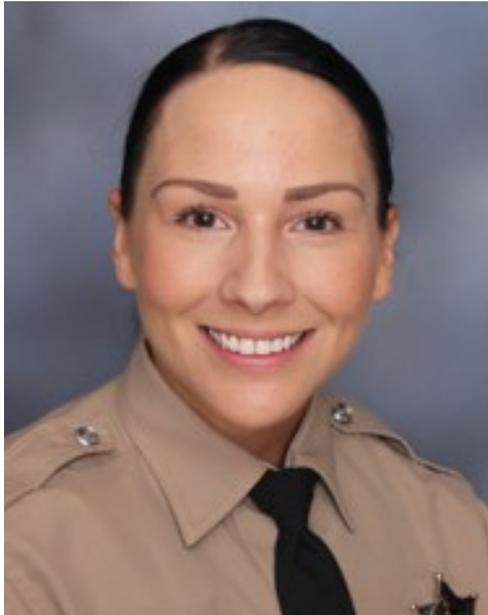
In 2009, White was transferred to the Southern Illinois Drug Enforcement Task Force, but continued working general criminal cases as well, due to a shortage of agents. White had 36 criminal arrests that year. In 2013, White received Zone 7 recognition for obtaining 44 confessions in a two-year period.

At the time of transfer to the Division of Internal Investigations (DII) in March 2019, White had over 500 felony convictions relating to violent crimes and sex offender registration violations.

During his tenure at DII, White trained three new agents. He led a criminal sexual assault investigation which resulted in a confession and an 18-year prison sentence and was involved in several investigations involving government employees.



# Thank A Trooper



Jason with Trunkline Gas Company wanted ISP to know of his positive encounter with Trooper Mackenzie Wienke #6956:

***Trooper Wienke came to our facility to go over and discuss DOT regulations and Inspections, etc. She was very professional and accommodating and shared much knowledge with us that will help our team going forward. We would like to offer our thanks and acknowledge her efforts.***

Thank you, Trooper Wienke, for providing education and instruction with kindness. Way to go!

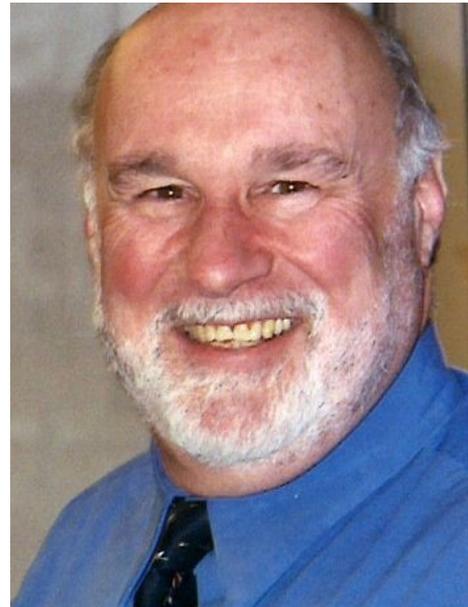
Public Relations/Safety Education officer Trooper Duane Chappell #5844 received this note after a presentation in downtown Chicago recently:

***Trooper Chappell conducted an Active Shooter presentation for the management and tenants at 425 S. Financial Place in Chicago. The seminar was outstanding. Trooper Chappell was highly knowledgeable on the topic and was a very engaging presenter. The feedback that we received from the audience was fantastic. We appreciated his time and effort in providing a valuable seminar for the management and tenants of the building. Thank you. - Kevin L.***



## In Memoriam: retired Sgt. Joseph Santercier #2194

It is with deep sadness that the Division of Criminal Investigation announces that Retired Sergeant Joseph J. Santercier #2194, age 83, passed away on August 13, 2025. Sergeant Santercier is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jo Ann Looby; their daughter, Jill Anne Santercier; son-in-law, Mark Root; and grandchildren, Hannah and Gannon.



Sergeant Santercier enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1960 in a Seabee Unit, having served six years. He was on active duty in Cuba, Bermuda, and the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1961 to 1963 in the Mobile Construction Battalion, NMCB8. He graduated from Southern Illinois University (SIU) in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. While at SIU, he was one of the founding members and the first president of the Veterans Corporation, which SIU founded in 1966. This organization was established on campus by veterans to help support new veterans, many of whom were returning from Vietnam.

In 1970, Joseph joined the Illinois Bureau of Investigation (IBI) as a Special Agent. In 1977, the IBI was merged with the Illinois State Police, and Joseph retired in 1993 as a Sergeant. During his service, he was a founding member of the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association, the Midwest Gang Investigators Association, and the Midwest Cycle Intelligence Organization.

In 1997, he was hired as a Criminal Intelligence Analyst for the Illinois State Police in Elgin, at the Northern Illinois Resource Support Center. He was an active trainer and instructor during his law enforcement career, receiving numerous awards for training in the U.S. and Canada.

In 2001, Joseph joined the Northeast Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT) as a Program Manager and retired in 2015. Joseph was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #41, and the Midwest Gangs Investigators Association.

<https://defiorefuneral.com/obituaries/2850/joseph-james-santercier>



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper  
Ralph Newman

End of Watch  
August 20, 1941



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