

Summaries of Felonious Incidents

ALABAMA

Two officers from the Fayette Police Department were shot and killed at 5 a.m. on the morning of June 7 while processing a suspect arrested for possession of stolen property. Earlier that morning, a 55-year-old veteran patrol officer, with 26 years of law enforcement experience, had made a traffic stop. He requested a check of the vehicle's tags and was informed that the vehicle was possibly stolen. The officer was joined by a Fayette Police Department corporal, also a veteran with nearly 10 years of experience, and the two officers took the suspect into custody. While being processed at the station, the suspect began a struggle with the patrol officer and seized the officer's .40-caliber semiautomatic service weapon. The suspect shot the officer twice, once in the lower front torso below his protective vest and once, fatally, in the side of the head. The 40-year-old corporal who had assisted the officer was also shot three times. He was wounded in the upper back above his body armor, in the neck, and mortally in the front of the head. The station dispatcher was also shot and killed during the struggle. The suspect fled the station in the patrol officer's police cruiser with the weapon. He was apprehended 3 hours later in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, by officers of the Fayette Police Department and Lauderdale County sheriff's deputies. The 18-year-old suspect was charged with six counts of Capital Murder.

The chief of the Grant Police Department was shot and killed at 10:08 a.m. on August 15 while attempting an arrest. The chief was assisting other officers who were picking up from a residence a juvenile who

had failed to appear in court. At the residence, the 48-year-old chief and three other officers spoke to the homeowner and proceeded to a back bedroom, calling out to the wanted juvenile. As the chief entered the center of the bedroom, the wanted youth opened fire from his hiding place in a closet with a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun, fatally striking the 29-year veteran of law enforcement in the front of the head. The wanted juvenile and a second juvenile, who also shot from the closet with a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun, fired three or four rounds. As a second officer entered the room, he returned fire, striking the juvenile who shot the chief. A third officer returned fire from the doorway, helping to suppress additional shots from the subjects. Both juveniles, who were known drug users and dealers, were under the influence of narcotics at the time of the incident. The wanted suspect, a 17-year-old on conditional release and pending criminal prosecution at the time of the incident, was hospitalized for two injuries. He was arrested after being released from the hospital on September 5. The other 17-year-old, who was found hiding in the closet and uninjured, was arrested at the scene. Both youths were charged with Capital Murder-Murder of a Police Officer.

ALASKA

About 8:18 p.m. on December 25, a 43-year-old senior patrol officer with the Kenai Police Department was shot and killed after stopping a vehicle to investigate a suspicious situation. Alaska State Troopers had requested the Kenai Police Department to be on the lookout for a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner. The troopers expressed concern for the safety of the female passenger in the vehicle,

who had appeared to be frightened. In response to the request, the patrol officer, who had more than 18 years of experience, drove past the Kenai residence of the vehicle's driver and reported that the vehicle was not there. However, he spotted the vehicle a few minutes later and followed it back to the house, reporting to his dispatcher that he was stopping behind the vehicle, which was in the driveway. A few minutes later, he radioed for assistance. Then he approached the driver and his female passenger. The driver's 21-year-old girlfriend asked to be allowed to remove two dogs from the back seat of the vehicle and take them into the house, and the officer agreed. After the woman left, the man became agitated and verbally abusive. The patrol officer put the driver up against the house and attempted to handcuff him, but the man began to fight violently. Somehow, during a fight in knee-deep snow, he obtained the patrol officer's .45-caliber semiautomatic duty weapon and shot the officer twice. The officer's protective jacket deflected the first shot; however, the second bullet entered the back of his head, killing him instantly. Responding officers found the victim's body lying in the snow and the alleged shooter locked in the house with his girlfriend. Police were able to make an opportunity for the woman to exit the premises, and then they entered into a 5-hour standoff with the suspect, who ultimately surrendered peacefully to police. The 33-year-old man was charged with First-Degree Murder and four counts of Assault.

ARIZONA

Shortly before 4 p.m. on May 26, a Tucson police officer began investigating a hit-and-run incident. The evidence trail led him to a nearby apartment residence.

Another officer arrived at that location approximately the same time, just as the suspect ran from the apartment. The first officer, a 40-year-old veteran with nearly 13 years of experience, took up a foot pursuit. The second officer drove ahead of the suspect's flight path and stopped his vehicle in a position to intercept him. When he saw a man with a handgun in the front yard of a residence a short distance down the block, the second officer gave chase, caught the man, and placed him under arrest. Meanwhile, a local resident had called emergency services to report an officer down. Responding officers discovered the victim's body lying in a yard near the point where the second officer intercepted the suspect. The victim officer had suffered two gunshot wounds from a .38-caliber revolver, one to his head and a fatal shot to his torso below his protective vest. The 33-year-old suspect, who was on conditional release pending criminal prosecution, was charged with First-Degree Murder.

CALIFORNIA

A 46-year-old inspector with the Pittsburg Police Department was shot and killed on April 15 shortly after 11 a.m. while investigating a homicide. The 23-year law enforcement veteran was investigating a murder that had taken place the previous week. He had made arrangements with the owner of the house where the murder occurred to collect additional evidence from the scene. The owner did not live at the residence, so the inspector believed that the house was vacant. When the inspector entered the house, a man fired eight shots from a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun at him. The bullets struck the inspector in the chest, neck, and fatally in the front of the head. The man fled the scene. Investigators in the victim officer's

death identified a 40-year-old suspect, a man who had an extensive criminal record including Assault With a Deadly Weapon on a Police Officer. Law enforcement officers tracked the suspect to another county through interviews and surveillance of his relatives. On April 17, when officers attempted to arrest him, he shot at them. In an exchange of gunfire, an officer shot and killed the suspect. Investigators later determined that the offender was also responsible for the murder from the previous week.

A 45-year-old Riverside County Sheriff's deputy was beaten to death when he responded to a domestic disturbance call at 9:45 a.m. on May 13. The veteran officer, who had nearly 23 years of law enforcement service, had been assigned back-up duty but arrived at the scene in La Quinta just ahead of the deputy who had been dispatched as the primary officer. The call for service had been initiated by the parents of a mentally disturbed man who was creating a problem in the home. When the deputy arrived, he immediately became involved in a verbal and physical altercation with the son, and removed his police side-handle baton in an effort to gain control of the situation. However, the subject, who was considerably larger than the deputy, struggled with the officer, knocking him to the ground and rendering him unconscious. The individual then picked up the baton and struck the deputy, who was wearing body armor, several times in the back of his head. At that point, the primary deputy arrived on the scene, and the son immediately attempted to attack him. The attacker refused verbal commands to drop the baton and charged the officer, who fired two shots at the 24-year-old man and mortally wounded him. The victim deputy died later that day.

An officer with the Oceanside Police Department was shot and killed while making a traffic stop about 5 p.m. on June 13. The 27-year-old officer, with a little over a year of experience, approached a vehicle he had stopped in a parking lot and asked the driver for his license. The man replied that he did not have one, and he then apparently produced a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and fired three rounds at the victim officer, wounding him. The officer returned fire and shot the suspect in the leg. The man, who was under the influence of narcotics at the time of the incident, exited his car and continued to fire at the now prostrate officer. The suspect then pistol-whipped the officer and, taking the officer's 9 mm semiautomatic service weapon, shot the officer with his own firearm. The victim officer was wounded in the front upper chest, rear lower back, and fatally in the neck above his protective vest. The suspect then fled in the officer's patrol vehicle, which he later abandoned. Officers found the 28-year-old male at a relative's residence. After a stand off of several hours, SWAT officers arrested the alleged shooter without further incident. He was charged with Murder.

On June 26 approximately 12:20 p.m., a 38-year-old police officer with the San Diego Police Department was killed while attempting to make a traffic stop. The officer saw the driver of a construction truck cross over a divider and exit the freeway going against traffic. The officer, who was pursuing the suspect on a police motorcycle, followed the suspect northbound onto downtown streets where the suspect's truck struck another vehicle. During the pursuit, the dispatcher advised the officer that the truck was stolen. According to witnesses, the driver of the truck abruptly turned the vehicle around in the middle of an intersection

and accelerated southbound. The officer pulled his motorcycle over to the curb, out of the path of the oncoming truck. However, the suspect crossed to the officer's side of the street, jumped the sidewalk, straddled the curb, and drove directly at the officer. The veteran officer, who had nearly 13 years of law enforcement experience, attempted to dismount the motorcycle and move to safety, but the truck struck the victim officer and the motorcycle head-on. The driver then fled the scene in the truck. The victim officer suffered several severe injuries from the impact. He was transported to a local hospital, and a short time later he was pronounced dead from severe head trauma. The suspect drove approximately twelve blocks from the scene of the murder and abandoned the truck after he had struck at least five vehicles in three separate hit-and-run incidents that severely damaged the stolen truck. He walked away on foot. However, area residents flagged down responding officers and identified the driver. The officers arrested the man after an intense struggle. The 37-year-old male, who was a recently discharged parolee and had a history of violent crimes including Battery, Robbery, Burglary, Theft, and Exhibiting a Firearm, was transported to a local hospital where he was evaluated and released. The man was charged with Murder, Taking a Vehicle without Owner's Consent, and Hit and Run Resulting in Death or Injury. He had a history of mental illness, and family members later told investigators that recently he had been living on the street.

On August 2 about 11:45 a.m., a 46-year-old deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was shot to death in an ambush in a remote area of the county. The veteran officer, who had just over 12 years of law enforcement experience,

was patrolling a sparsely populated region near Llano. At 11:40 a.m. he radioed a request for a license plate check on a vehicle belonging to a local resident. Minutes later, dispatchers heard gunshots over the deputy's radio and immediately sent assisting units to the scene. Apparently, as the officer approached the man's dwelling, the man opened fire on him with a .223-caliber semiautomatic rifle, striking the officer in his head and neck and also in his chest and stomach area. Several rounds from the powerful rifle penetrated the deputy's body armor; however, the officer managed to fire three rounds before succumbing to his injuries. The assailant tied the deputy's body to the rear of his vehicle and dragged him approximately one half mile away from the scene. The man then returned to his residence where he was observed packing his vehicle with some of his personal items. Before leaving, the suspect took several items from the victim deputy's patrol car, including the radio, a 9 mm service weapon, and a revolver. When the responding officers arrived at the scene, their investigation led them to the suspect's abandoned vehicle approximately 2 1/2 miles from the dwelling where the deputy had been shot. The investigators found evidence in the vehicle linking the man to the deputy's murder. Six days later, officers located the alleged assailant in a deserted residence 4 miles west of the shooting scene. A SWAT Team set up a perimeter around the location, and after a 10-hour standoff, the man began shooting at the deputies. During the shootout, the structure caught fire, and the suspect died in the blaze. Investigators found the 52-year-old man's body at the scene as well as the gun used in the victim officer's murder. The alleged assailant, who was on probation at the time of the incident, was known to be hostile toward law

enforcement personnel and had been arrested previously for Battery on a Peace Officer and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

A 26-year-old police officer with the Burbank Police Department was shot and killed around 6:30 p.m. on November 15 as he responded to a call for back up from another officer who had initiated a traffic stop. This initial officer was investigating persons in a vehicle parked behind a local hotel known for frequent drug activity. Because of the dark conditions and the suspect vehicle's tinted windows, the investigating officer turned on both of his vehicle's spotlights before approaching the vehicle. The officer obtained the driver's information and then requested backup. When the backup officer arrived, the driver of the vehicle exited and shot at the initial officer. Two bullets struck him; one hit the right side of his head, and the other hit his protective vest in the stomach area. The officer was able to fire two rounds at the driver. The backup officer, who had 10 months of law enforcement experience, exited his vehicle and also shot at the driver from the rear of the suspect's vehicle. Bullets from both officers' guns struck and fatally wounded the driver, a 25-year-old male whose only known prior arrest was for Taking Vehicle Without Owner's Consent/Vehicle Theft. The passenger exited the vehicle and fired approximately 25 rounds from two handguns at the officer who had taken cover behind the vehicle. The investigating officer was incapacitated from his injuries, but he fired at the passenger. During the exchange of gunfire, the passenger shot the backup officer, who was wearing protective armor, in the arms, in the rear below the waist, in the stomach, and fatally in the front below the waist, with a .380-

caliber semiautomatic handgun. The 19-year-old passenger, who had a prior arrest for Grand Theft: Firearm/Animal/etc., fled the scene but was arrested on November 27 and charged with Murder, Attempted Murder, and Bench Warrant-Taking Vehicle Without Owner's Consent/Vehicle Theft.

FLORIDA

As he worked a nighttime uniformed security assignment at a car dealership in Pompano Beach, a 25-year-old deputy with the Broward County Sheriff's Office was killed at 12:40 a.m. on April 6 while attempting to thwart a larceny in progress at the establishment. Two individuals entered the car lot about 12:30 a.m. and broke into two sport utility vehicles by smashing the driver's side windows. The noise apparently alerted the deputy, who was in the showroom. As the deputy, who had nearly 2 years' experience in law enforcement, exited the building, he saw one of the individuals. One of the men shot at the deputy three times in rapid succession with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. Two of the bullets struck the deputy—his body armor stopped one round in the lower back, but he was fatally hit in the rear of the head. He was taken to a local hospital where he died. The suspects, a 25-year-old male and a 24-year-old male, fled the scene. After searching for the men, law enforcement authorities located them on April 10 sitting in a sport utility vehicle. Apparently instead of being arrested, the 25-year-old shot the 24-year-old in the face, killing him, then turned the gun on himself. Both men had prior arrests, and both were known narcotics users.

At 2 a.m. on June 1 a lieutenant with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while conducting

surveillance. The 57-year-old veteran officer, with over 31 years of law enforcement experience, was in uniform sitting in his patrol car keeping watch on a night club in Iacoochee. Apparently, an assailant shot a .30-caliber rifle from an estimated 50 feet away through the lieutenant's car, striking him fatally in the back. Two days later a 19-year-old male was arrested after having been identified to law enforcement by a family member. The alleged shooter was charged with First-Degree Homicide.

GEORGIA

A 26-year-old officer with the Fulton County Police Department was shot and killed during a traffic stop at 10 p.m. on April 22 in College Park. The officer, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, was still in his vehicle when the suspect shot at the officer with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. At some point, the man apparently exited his vehicle and continued firing as he walked toward the officer's vehicle. The officer, who was wearing body armor, ducked down to the passenger side of the vehicle to avoid the first several shots, but was struck by a bullet in the back left shoulder and another in the back of his head. The offender then walked up to the car, placed the gun to the back of the officer's head and fired a final and fatal shot. The man dropped the gun and fled the scene. Investigators established a suspect through the gun's registration. The 26-year-old male, who had no prior criminal record, was arrested on April 27 in Florida and charged with Murder.

HAWAII

A 40-year-old police officer with the Honolulu Police Department was shot and killed at 1 p.m. on March 4

while working undercover at a shopping center to locate a fugitive who was wanted for attempted murder. Acting on a tip that the wanted person was going to meet his girlfriend at a food establishment in Kapolei, two officers, including the 12-year-veteran police officer, surprised the suspect at the meeting place. They approached the man and grabbed his hands to arrest him. He pulled away from the officers as a third officer entered. The three officers tackled the man from behind and were attempting to take him to the ground when he pulled a .22-caliber handgun from the front of his waistband. As the suspect was falling, he reached around and fired at the victim officer. The officer was hit twice, once in the front lower torso and fatally in the front upper chest; he died at the scene. The other officers gained control of the 28-year-old alleged shooter, who was on probation at the time and had an extensive arrest record, and arrested him. He was taken to a medical facility where he was treated for a narcotics overdose. He was charged with First-Degree Murder, Attempted First-Degree Murder, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

INDIANA

Two members of the Mishawaka Police Department were shot and killed just before 1 a.m. on December 13 while responding to a call involving shots fired. Arriving at the scene, they found that an armed robbery had also taken place. The 43-year-old corporal with over 14 years of law enforcement experience and the 27-year-old patrol officer with over 6 years of law enforcement experience approached the house where they thought the suspect had gone. After the robbery victim positively identified the subject, the officers, both wearing body armor,

approached the residence to make an arrest. The suspect shot the veteran corporal in the front of his head with a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun, killing him at the scene. The shooter then fired on the patrol officer, striking him in the throat area. The victim officer died from the wound later that evening. As the 30-year-old suspect was retreating into the house, he was shot four times by a third officer at the scene. Despite his wounds, the suspect was able to make it back inside the house; a short time later he committed suicide.

A trooper with the Indiana State Police, Lowell detachment, was shot and killed on December 22 at 4:30 a.m. while responding to a call of a disabled vehicle. The 27-year-old trooper, with 3 years' law enforcement experience, had been dispatched to check on a stopped vehicle near an interstate in Lake County. The trooper spoke to the driver of the vehicle as the man was walking away from his car. The driver allegedly produced a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun, shot the trooper in the front upper chest above his protective vest, and fled the area. A truck driver who had stopped to render assistance observed the fleeing suspect and directed an arriving trooper in the direction that the suspect had fled. The arriving trooper called to the suspect, who ignored commands to surrender. The man entered the cab of a second truck whose driver had stopped to give aid, not realizing that a shooting had just occurred. When the suspect failed to comply with verbal commands from the trooper and, instead, allegedly made threatening movements, the trooper shot the suspect. Both the victim trooper and the suspect were transported to the hospital where the officer died of his injuries. The 19-year-old suspect subsequently recovered and was charged with Murder.

KENTUCKY

A 19-year veteran officer with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources was killed in Fort Mitchell at 1:30 p.m. on May 19 while in pursuit of a fleeing vehicle. The 62-year-old officer was attempting to stop a vehicle when it collided with the officer's patrol vehicle and caused it to strike a retaining wall and roll over. The victim officer, who sustained head wounds, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. The 56-year-old suspect was charged with Manslaughter Second Degree and with Fleeing or Evading the Police First Degree.

LOUISIANA

Two police officers, members of the Alexandria Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT), were shot and killed on February 20 during a tactical situation involving a high-risk entry. The SRT was activated to execute a search warrant on two houses on the same street. An investigation prior to the search revealed that the suspect was located in one of two houses. Further, he was in possession of a rifle and would likely engage the police in a gun battle. The SRT was split into two teams. Around 12:30 a.m. the team members began executing the search warrant. One team entered and cleared the first house. The second team, which included the victim officers, removed a piece of plywood from the front door frame of the second residence and began using a ram in an attempt to gain entry. When the team finally gained a slight opening in the door, the members were fired on by the 25-year-old suspect, who was inside the house with a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle. Two officers, who were wearing body armor, were shot and immediately fell. The first officer, 29 years old with nearly 3 years of law

enforcement experience, was mortally shot in the side of his head. The second officer, 26 years old with nearly 4 years of law enforcement experience, was shot in the neck/throat area. Both were transported to a nearby hospital. The first officer was pronounced dead on arrival, and the second officer died later during surgery. The suspect shot and wounded two other officers in the confrontation. The suspect, who was on probation and was a known drug dealer, user, and possessor, was justifiably killed.

A 32-year-old deputy with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office was gunned down at 4:25 p.m. on April 16 in Mamou in an attempt to arrest an escapee from a local penal institution. Officers had received information regarding the escapee's location, and three officers went to the residence to arrest him. When they entered the home, one officer went to the left into a bedroom and bath area, and one remained in the living room. The third officer, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, went to the right toward a room used for storage. The officer opened the door to the room and looked inside. After seeing no one, the officer stepped through the doorway. An individual jumped from behind a piece of furniture and fired a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun, striking the officer fatally in the front upper chest. All of the officers, including the victim officer, exited the house where the victim collapsed in the front yard. The other officers attempted to reach him, but the 21-year-old suspect continued to fire at them, 11 times in all. The victim deputy died at the scene. After an hourlong standoff, the suspect—a known drug dealer with prior arrests for Resisting by Flight, Aggravated Battery, and drug-related offenses—exited the residence with the

weapon in his hand. Officers ordered him several times to drop the weapon and raise his hands. However, the suspect began backing into the residence, and officers shot and killed him.

MICHIGAN

On July 6, officers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department attempted to serve an arrest warrant on a man who was accused of accosting children for immoral purposes. Officers from both agencies approached the suspect at the front door of his residence, but the man retreated inside the house, warning the officers that he was armed. The suspect, who was known to be a member of a local militia, barricaded himself inside the residence. The officers established a perimeter and called for assistance from the MSP's Emergency Support Team. When the team arrived, they attempted to convince the suspect to surrender. The man refused, and the negotiations continued into the next day. Approximately 12 hours after negotiations began, one of the officers attempted to provide the man with a telephone; however, he began firing at the officers from inside the residence. The officers stopped negotiations at this point, and the MSP's Emergency Support Team introduced chemical agents (tear gas) into the residence through windows on all four sides of the house. On July 7 about 3 p.m. and approximately 15 minutes after introducing the tear gas into the house, an eight-man MSP entry team, armed with ballistic shields, handguns, and other weapons, introduced a diversionary device into the residence and attempted to enter the house from the back door. As soon as the first four officers, who were wearing ballistic vests, helmets, and gas masks, entered through the door, they encountered a

barrage of gunfire from the suspect, but they were unable to establish the shooter's exact location. The remaining four members of the team were unable to enter because of the gunfire. When the four officers entered the dwelling, a 33-year-old trooper, who had more than 8 years of law enforcement experience, was struck in his right forearm. The victim officer dropped his weapon and the ballistic shield he was carrying and turned toward the direction of the gunfire. He was then shot in the rear lower and rear upper torso. One of the bullets passed through his protective vest and the other one struck him below the vest. The veteran trooper was also shot in the rear portion of the upper left leg, sustaining a total of four gunshot wounds. One of the officers fired a round at the shooter, but his gun jammed. During the gunfire, the officer with the malfunctioning firearm recovered the victim trooper and moved him toward safety while the remaining two team members covered them. The third officer, who was also carrying a shield, fired 13 rounds at the assailant, and the fourth officer fired 6 rounds as the first officer pulled the victim to safety through the back door. The exchange of gunfire lasted approximately 15 to 20 seconds. It was unknown at the time whether the shooter was injured during the exchange. After the four officers were outside and under cover, the victim officer was taken by an ambulance to a local hospital where he died a short time later from the wound in his upper back. One of the other three officers sustained a superficial gunshot wound to his shoulder for which he was treated; he returned to duty that same day. After examining the crime scene later, the officers believed that the shooter had been hiding between a wood burning stove and a large steel tool box approximately 6 to 10 feet from the door.

After the shooting incident, the MSP maintained a perimeter around the residence. Over the next 24 hours, they attempted to reestablish contact with the assailant but were unsuccessful. On July 8, at 4 p.m., the officers introduced several satchel charges that started a fire inside the dwelling. The structure burned to the ground, and after the fire was under control, the officers searched for the subject. The officers found several weapons, including the victim trooper's handgun, but the suspect had managed to flee from the scene.

The MSP and local law enforcement investigated many leads over the next several days in an attempt to locate the assailant. On July 13, officers found the suspect sleeping in a parked car at a residence near his house. The officers approached the man and ordered him to remain inside the vehicle and show his hands. However, the suspect, who had no prior history beyond traffic citations, exited the vehicle with a rifle pointed at the arresting officers. The officers shot and killed the 40-year-old man. The officers recovered at the scene the .223-caliber semiautomatic rifle believed to have been the one used to kill the victim trooper. An autopsy of the assailant revealed that all of his wounds were fresh. The investigators concluded that the suspect had not been injured during the exchange of gunfire with the MSP's Emergency Support Team on July 7.

MONTANA

A 28-year-old deputy with the Blaine County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed on May 29 at 10:15 p.m. while responding to a domestic disturbance call. When dispatch received the call for service, the deputy who was working the shift was about 20 miles from the scene. The deputy requested that the dispatcher ask an off-duty deputy to respond to

the call in the town of Harlem. The responding deputy, who had 6 years of law enforcement service, went to the residence and approached the subject of the disturbance call, who left the premises on foot and ran across a nearby highway. The officer followed the man and had several encounters with him but was unable to handcuff him. At that point, the regular on-duty officer arrived to assist. First, he sprayed the suspect with pepper spray in an effort to subdue him. When this proved ineffective, he struck the man several times with an asp and forced him to the ground. Both deputies then seized him, but the man was able to grab the initial responding deputy's service weapon. He fired two rounds, hitting both deputies. The deputy who had first responded to the call was shot in the chest with his own .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun and died at the scene. His fellow officer was hit in the left forearm; the bullet exited his arm and ricocheted off his body armor. The alleged shooter, a 25-year-old male with a history of violent criminal offenses, was arrested at the scene and charged with Deliberate Homicide and Attempted Deliberate Homicide. The injured deputy returned to work 2 weeks after the incident.

NEBRASKA

A 30-year-old sergeant of the Omaha Police Department died on September 19 as a result of a bullet wound he received on September 11 at 9:55 p.m. during a foot pursuit of an individual who had run from a traffic stop. On the evening of the incident, two officers conducted a traffic stop, during which the lone occupant of the vehicle fled on foot. The officers initiated a foot pursuit and called for additional help. Responding to the officers' call for assistance, the veteran sergeant, who had nearly 7 years'

law enforcement experience, and his patrol partner exited their cruiser within a block of the vacant vehicle and proceeded on foot toward it. Upon observing a man hiding in some bushes, the sergeant, who was wearing protective body armor, and his partner ordered the man to come out. However, the man fired a single shot from a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun, hitting the sergeant in the front of the head. The alleged shooter, a known drug dealer with an extensive criminal record, then left the cover of the shrubbery. In an exchange of gunfire, the sergeant's partner, who remained unharmed, wounded the suspect. Both the victim sergeant and the 21-year-old suspect were transported to an area medical center. The suspect died the next day, and the sergeant died 8 days after the incident.

NEW JERSEY

A 43-year-old police officer with the Fair Lawn Police Department was shot and killed following a traffic pursuit on April 17 at 10 p.m. The 18-year-veteran of law enforcement responded to a request for assistance from a Clifton police officer, who was pursuing two individuals in a speeding vehicle. The chase ended in Fair Lawn, when the driver lost control of his vehicle, and it came to a stop on the front lawn of a church. The passenger raised his hands and remained in the vehicle, but the driver fled on foot. He headed around the church, and the Clifton officer exited his vehicle and ran after him. The Fair Lawn officer arrived on the scene and drove behind the church, stopping her vehicle in the suspect's path. This maneuver enabled the Clifton officer to catch the man, tackle him, and hold him face down on the ground. However, the suspect immediately placed his hands underneath his body near his waist.

Despite several commands from the officer, the suspect refused to place his hands behind his back to be handcuffed. The Fairlawn officer approached the suspect and managed to pull his left arm out from under him. The Clifton officer started to spray the suspect with pepper spray, so the Fairlawn officer released the suspect's left hand to back away. The suspect then used his left hand to push himself up; he fired two shots from a .357 revolver that he was holding in his right hand. Both shots struck the Fair Lawn officer; one entered her stomach, and the fatal shot entered her neck above her protective vest. The suspect jumped to his feet and fired two shots at the Clifton officer, hitting him in the left leg and right arm. The injured officer returned fire as the suspect got into the Fair Lawn police car. As he raced from the scene, the suspect made a sharp turn and intentionally ran over the Fair Lawn officer as she tried to crawl to safety. The two officers were transported to a local hospital, where the Fair Lawn officer died that night. Investigation quickly identified a 23-year-old suspect, a known drug dealer with prior arrests on assault and weapon charges, who was on probation at the time of the incident. Sheriff's deputies in Sumter County, Florida, located the man on April 20. They shot and killed the suspect when he resisted arrest.

NEW YORK

Two detectives with the New York City Police Department were murdered in Staten Island at 8 p.m. on March 10 in an unprovoked attack. The detectives were working undercover and conducting an illegal firearm purchase from the inside of an unmarked vehicle. The incident began with the first detective, 36 years old with nearly 6 years' experience, driving the vehicle, his partner, 34 years old with nearly

7 years' service, in the front passenger seat, and two individuals in the back seat. The detectives were carrying money to purchase a gun from their passengers. When the detective who was driving parked the vehicle to conclude the purchase, one of the men in the rear seat allegedly produced a .44-caliber revolver and shot the detective's partner, killing him with a single bullet to the side of the head. Apparently, the individual then put the gun to the rear of the driver's head, demanded the "gun buy" money, and shot him once in the back of the head, killing him. The suspects then pulled the officers' bodies from the car, took the 9 mm semiautomatic handgun belonging to the detective who was the driver, and stole the vehicle. After losing contact with the detectives, backup officers following the operation began to search for them. They discovered the victim officers lying in the middle of the street. Police located a 17-year-old, who was allegedly a passenger in the car, the detective's service weapon, and the stolen money several blocks from the scene of the incident. The individual was arrested the next day. On March 12, the police arrested the 20-year-old alleged shooter. Four other individuals, ranging in age from 18 to 21, were arrested for their alleged involvement with the murders; they were believed to have planned the killings, provided the weapon used, or witnessed the disposal of the murder weapon. All six were charged with Felony Murder.

NORTH CAROLINA

On February 20, a 53-year-old lieutenant with the Avery County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call at a residence in Elk Park. Around 3 p.m. two lieutenants arrived at the residence where someone began firing at them. The victim lieutenant, who

had over 4 years of law enforcement experience, was shot in the side of the head with a 12-gauge pump shotgun and died at the scene. The other lieutenant who responded also sustained gunshot wounds; he was transported to a local hospital for treatment. After a standoff at the scene, a 51-year-old male was arrested and charged with First-Degree Murder and Attempted First-Degree Murder.

A deputy with the Randolph County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed during an attempted arrest shortly before 2 p.m. on April 27. The 41-year-old deputy with almost 4 years of law enforcement experience went to a residence with a deputy trainee to serve a domestic violence warrant. Wanting to obtain clothes and other items from the house, the wife of the man being served papers also accompanied the deputy. When they arrived at the house, the deputy and the wife went to the front door and the deputy trainee went to the back of the residence. The deputy knocked on the door. When no one answered, the deputy obtained the key from the wife and opened the door. The woman's husband confronted the deputy, and the two struggled for control of the deputy's .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Responding to a shout for assistance from the deputy, the deputy trainee ran to the front of the house and saw the two men struggling. Not realizing that they were fighting for control of the deputy's gun, the deputy trainee tried to grab one of the man's arms, but the man was able to gain control of the gun and pull away. He then fired three shots at the deputy, who was struck in the stomach, the neck, and fatally in the chest. The man then turned the gun toward the deputy trainee and pulled the trigger, but the gun misfired. The deputy trainee ran to the patrol car and took cover behind it. The man ran

to a car parked in front of the patrol car and took a position behind it. In an exchange of gunfire, the man shot the deputy trainee in the left arm and then returned to the residence. The deputy trainee entered his patrol car and called for assistance. When officers arrived at the scene, the suspect surrendered. The 36-year-old man, who had prior arrests on charges of Aggravated Sodomy/Kidnapping/Battery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Vehicle Theft, and Fugitive From Justice, was charged with First Degree Murder, Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill/Inflict Serious Injury, and Attempted Murder. The victim deputy was pronounced dead at the scene. The deputy trainee returned to duty the following month.

OHIO

A 26-year-old patrol officer with the Youngstown Police Department was shot and killed in an attack about 2:30 a.m. on April 29. Approximately 12:40 a.m., two men were arguing outside a local bar when one of the men pulled out a gun and shot the other man. The shooter then borrowed a friend's car and fled the scene. The officer, with nearly 4 years of law enforcement experience, responded to the shooting, took a report, and obtained a description of the borrowed getaway car. The officer was on patrol around 2:30 a.m. when apparently he came upon what he thought was the vehicle driven by the alleged shooter. The officer stopped his car behind the vehicle at an intersection. He ran a license plate check on the vehicle, but before he received a response, the suspect exited his vehicle and walked back to the police car. The officer opened his door, but before he could react, the suspect shot the officer three times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Though the officer's

protective vest stopped one bullet, shots to the front and side of his head proved fatal. The suspect reentered the getaway vehicle and drove off, but abandoned it a short time later. Sources provided Youngstown Police Department with information that the man borrowed another car and drove to Florida. Local law enforcement officers in Clearwater, Florida, FBI Special Agents, and Deputy U.S. Marshals arrested the 30-year-old male at a hotel on April 30. The man, who was on parole and had prior arrests for Arson, Aggravated Menacing, Felonious Assault, and Escape, was charged with Aggravated Murder with Death Penalty Specifications.

OKLAHOMA

A veteran trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol was shot and killed with his service weapon shortly before 7 a.m. on December 26 while investigating a suspicious person in Devol. A newspaper delivery person notified the 35-year-old officer at his residence of an unconscious individual in a vehicle on a rural road. The officer, with nearly 7 years of law enforcement experience, was not scheduled to go on duty until later in the day, but he donned his uniform and went to investigate the matter. At 6:42 a.m., the trooper radioed dispatchers that he was investigating a vehicle with a male inside and that he could not see the vehicle's registration tag. As the trooper approached the vehicle, he saw chemicals commonly used to produce drugs. When he attempted to take the male into custody, they became involved in a violent physical struggle during which both men apparently lost their weapons. Though the officer was able to handcuff one of the suspect's arms, the suspect took the officer's weapon, a .357-caliber semiautomatic handgun, and shot him twice at close range fatally in the back of

the head. The victim officer died at the scene before backup officers found the trooper. The suspect fled the scene with the officer's weapon and was arrested following a 2-day manhunt by state and federal authorities. The 29-year-old suspect—who was known to possess, use, and deal drugs—was charged with Murder First Degree and Manufacture of a Controlled Substance.

SOUTH CAROLINA

At 5:30 p.m., on August 17, a 24-year-old deputy with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while investigating a suspicious person in Greenville. When an individual alerted the deputy that a burglary suspect was in a nearby trailer park, the deputy, who had over 2 years' law enforcement experience, requested assistance. He then proceeded in his patrol vehicle to the noted location, where he spotted the suspect in the parking lot. According to witnesses, the deputy approached the suspect and began to handcuff his right wrist. After struggling with the deputy, the suspect broke free and fled; a foot chase ensued. When the two came to a fence, the deputy apparently tried to use pepper spray on the suspect and then drew his service weapon, a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Authorities believe that the suspect overpowered the deputy, took the handgun, and fatally shot the deputy in left side of head with the service weapon. The suspect then fled on foot. The 19-year-old male, who was a known drug user and under the influence of narcotics at the time of incident, committed suicide with the officer's service weapon when SWAT/Tracking Teams located him the following morning.

A sergeant with the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office and a constable

with the Abbeville County Magistrate Office were killed on December 8 while responding to a disturbance call at 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., respectively, in conjunction with a property dispute in Abbeville. Apparently, a man and his son were irate that a portion of their property was being used to widen the bordering highway, and they were known to have threatened to shoot any state highway authorities or responding law enforcement officers who came on their property. At the start of his shift on the morning of December 8, the 37-year-old sergeant was informed about the situation and was dispatched to the scene to accompany Department of Transportation officials to confront the disgruntled residents. Upon his arrival, the sergeant became involved in an altercation with the two men on the porch of the residence, so he called for assistance. During the altercation, one of the residents disarmed the sergeant and shot him with a 7 mm bolt-action rifle in the shoulder area that was unprotected by his body armor. The bullet mortally wounded the veteran officer, who had nearly 8 years of law enforcement service. The victim sergeant's body was then dragged inside the residence. Shortly thereafter, a 63-year-old constable arrived at the scene. The law enforcement veteran with nearly 7 years of experience exited his patrol vehicle and proceeded to discuss the situation with other responding deputies. Without warning, one of the suspects fired a 7 mm bolt-action rifle from inside the residence and fatally shot the constable in the back. The other deputies at the scene secured the area and called for additional assistance. Authorities from the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, the State Law Enforcement Division, and the Greenville Resident Agency of the FBI's Columbia Field Division responded to

the scene. After a 14-hour standoff and hundreds of shots, one of the suspects, a 36-year-old male, surrendered; approximately 30 minutes later, the other suspect, a 74-year-old male, also surrendered after being wounded during the gunfire exchange. Both men were arrested and charged with two counts of Murder and Conspiracy. A female within the residence was also arrested and charged with Conspiracy Before the Fact of Murder.

TENNESSEE

On July 9, shortly after 9:30 a.m., a 43-year-old sergeant with the Mt. Juliet Police Department and a 49-year-old deputy with the Wilson County Sheriff's Department were killed while attempting to assist other law enforcement officers in pursuit of a subject driving a stolen vehicle. Earlier that morning, officers with the Tennessee Highway Patrol discontinued a high-speed chase near Knoxville when the subject, who was wanted for a felony, struck a pursuing unit with the stolen vehicle in order to escape. Responding to the new report, units from the Wilson County Sheriff's Department became involved in a second pursuit on an interstate near Mt. Juliet. The sergeant from the local police department, who had more than 13 years of law enforcement experience, and the deputy from the county agency, who had more than 15 years of experience, deployed a spike strip in order to stop the stolen vehicle. When the driver of the stolen car neared the spike strip, she swerved and struck both officers, who were standing by their patrol cars on the shoulder of the road, killing them instantly. The driver of the stolen vehicle, a 21-year-old woman who was on probation and had several prior arrests including Motor Vehicle Theft, Criminal Impersonation, and Reckless Driving and Reckless

Endangerment, was under the influence of a controlled substance. She and a 33-year-old woman, who was also in the stolen vehicle, sustained injuries in the crash and were taken to a local hospital. The driver of the car was treated and released into the custody of law enforcement officers who transported her to a local jail. She was charged with two counts of Premeditated First-Degree Murder and two counts of Felony First-Degree Murder. The other woman remained in the hospital with a broken leg. Prosecutors did not charge the passenger of the vehicle with any crimes; she eventually provided information against the driver.

An officer of the Memphis Police Department was shot at 7:30 p.m., on August 27 while responding to a domestic disturbance call. Approximately 30 minutes prior to the incident, a man went to his girlfriend's apartment and began arguing with her. When the woman's sister arrived at the apartment just a few minutes later, she feared for her sister's safety and called 911. Allegedly, the man threatened to shoot somebody if either woman called 911, but the sister apparently managed to make the call and stay out of the man's way while she waited for help to arrive. At 7:20 p.m., the 34-year-old officer was the first to arrive on the scene. When he knocked on the apartment door, the man and his girlfriend left the bedroom where they had been arguing, and the man answered the door. The man's girlfriend stood in the hallway for a few seconds as both men pointed guns at each other, and the officer told the man not to move. The girlfriend then ran into the bathroom, got into the bathtub, and remained there as several gunshots were fired in the hallway. The man shot the 5-year veteran of law enforcement with a .357 magnum revolver two times in the side of the head and two times in

the shoulder area, outside the officer's protective vest. Later investigation revealed that the officer's ammunition clip apparently separated from his weapon, preventing him from shooting the suspect during the altercation. The suspect then went into the bathroom and shot his girlfriend in the buttocks and then returned to the hallway and took the victim officer's handgun and ammunition clip. He reentered the bathroom and shot his girlfriend again. After spotting a second officer outside the front of the apartment, the man took both women down the stairs on the opposite side of the building. On the way down the stairs, the woman's sister broke free and ran to safety. Once the couple got to the bottom of the stairs, the man kissed the woman, walked to the south side of the building, and threw his revolver into the bushes. He returned to the entrance hallway of the apartments, sat down, and tried to shoot himself with the victim officer's weapon. When the gun did not discharge, the 25-year-old male, who had prior arrests, ejected the round, inserted the officer's clip, and shot himself in the head. A few minutes later, a third responding officer observed the suspect's body in the dark hallway holding the victim officer's weapon, and he ordered the suspect to drop the gun. When the suspect did not put the weapon down, the officer shot him once in the stomach, not knowing that the man was already dead. The fallen officer inside the apartment was subsequently transported to a local hospital where he died at 9 p.m. as a result of the shots he sustained in the head. The suspect's girlfriend was also transported to the hospital and treated for her gunshot wounds.

TEXAS

A 20-year-veteran officer with the Houston Police Department was shot

and killed at approximately 9:45 a.m. on April 3 in response to a robbery in progress call at a check cashing store. Upon arriving at the scene, the 45-year-old officer radioed dispatchers that three individuals were armed and inside the store; he requested backup. Apparently, the officer went to the front door, encountered the alleged robbers, and met with resistance from the individuals. He fired one shot from his 9 mm semiautomatic handgun before it malfunctioned. At least one suspect approached the officer from within the store and fired three shots at the officer at close range with a .380-caliber handgun, striking him in the arms and hands and fatally in the front of his head. The suspects then fled the scene in a vehicle. The suspects included two 21-year-old men and a 23-year-old man. All three were known to possess narcotics, and all three had prior arrest records. Each of the suspects were arrested in separate locations the next day and charged with Capital Murder Police Officer/Fireman.

A sergeant with the Friona Police Department was killed when his vehicle was purposely struck by another vehicle during a felony vehicle stop shortly before 11 p.m. on April 13. The 31-year-old sergeant was off duty but was at the police department working on reports when he heard a call for assistance from the Bovina Police Chief who was in the pursuit of a vehicle that refused to pull over. The sergeant, a 6-year-veteran of law enforcement, and another officer with the Friona Police Department left in separate vehicles to assist in the pursuit. The sergeant and officer headed east on the same road and same direction as the fleeing suspect's vehicle. The suspect turned his vehicle around and headed back towards the two Friona officers. The sergeant pulled his vehicle off the road to provide the

fugitive room to get by. Apparently, the fugitive then swerved his vehicle towards the sergeant's vehicle and hit the driver's door at a high rate of speed. The sergeant was pronounced dead from chest injuries at the scene at 12:22 a.m. on April 14. The 37-year-old offender, who had prior arrests on Forgery, Larceny, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Burglary-Forced Entry, and Theft charges, was arrested and charged with Capital Murder.

UTAH

On January 26, a deputy sheriff with the Garfield County Sheriff's Department was shot and killed during a traffic stop around 3:30 p.m. in Escalante. The 44-year-old officer, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle with two occupants. He arrested and handcuffed the driver on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and placed him in the back seat of his patrol car. The passenger of the stopped vehicle asked the officer if they could close the vehicle's windows to keep three small dogs from escaping. The deputy rolled up the driver's side window and returned to his patrol car to use the radio to call for back up and a tow truck while the passenger closed the other window. While the officer was using the radio, the passenger allegedly retrieved a rifle from inside the truck and took cover behind the bed of the truck. When the deputy completed the radio transmission, the passenger pointed the rifle at him and instructed him to raise his hands. The deputy ordered the man to drop his weapon three times. The deputy and suspect fired almost simultaneously. The deputy fired two shots; one missed the suspect, and the other struck him in the left forearm, breaking both bones, before continuing on and lodging in his lung. The 53-year-

old man fired one shot which hit the victim deputy in the chest. The single round from a 7 mm bolt-action rifle penetrated the deputy's protective vest, mortally wounding him. The alleged shooter took the deputy's handcuff keys and helped the arrested driver escape. The two fled in the vehicle and were located about three hours later after an intensive search by many law enforcement agencies. They were arrested without incident; the alleged shooter was charged with Aggravated Murder, and the 50-year-old driver of the vehicle was charged with Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Escape, Driving Under the Influence, and Obstruction of Justice.

VIRGINIA

A police officer with the Norfolk Police Department was fatally shot shortly after 1:40 a.m. on January 16 while investigating a report of a gunshot victim at a sports bar. The veteran 39-year-old officer, with nearly 12 years of law enforcement experience, and her partner arrived at the bar and observed three subjects outside. The victim officer approached one male and her partner approached the other two subjects who were about 15 feet away. At this time, two additional officers arrived on the scene and split up to assist each officer. The one male began walking rapidly towards the police officer; she ordered him to stop as she began to back up. The suspect, a known drug dealer, pulled his weapon, a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, and pointed it at the victim officer. The other three officers on the scene drew their weapons, and when the 35-year-old suspect fired, they returned gunfire, striking him 11 times. He died at the scene. The victim officer was struck three times, twice below the waist and once mortally in her right side below her

protective vest. She was transported to a local hospital where she died.

A 29-year-old trooper with the Virginia State Police was killed during a traffic stop on an interstate ramp in Henrico County at 2:30 a.m. on January 29. After stopping the vehicle, the trooper, who was wearing body armor, approached the motorist on foot and asked him to exit his vehicle. The driver stepped out of the vehicle, leaving the driver's door open. Shortly thereafter, the man got back into the vehicle and attempted to leave the scene with the car door still open. The trooper, who had nearly 5 years of law enforcement experience, reached into the automobile in an effort to stop the man from driving away, but the driver sped off with the trooper partially inside the vehicle and crashed at the end of the ramp. The driver then fled the scene on foot, leaving the trooper trapped underneath the vehicle. The trooper was transported to an area medical center where he was pronounced dead as a result of head injuries approximately an hour after the incident. The 40-year-old suspected drug dealer was arrested on February 5 and charged with Capital Murder, Failure to Stop for a Law Enforcement Officer, Abduction, Felony Hit and Run, Manslaughter, and numerous drug offenses.

A 20-year veteran patrol officer with the Christiansburg Police Department was shot and killed at 5:30 a.m. on May 9 in an apparent unprovoked attack. The 43-year-old officer had spotted a shoplifting suspect who had been involved in a vehicle pursuit just minutes before. The officer pulled his patrol car into the parking lot of a gas station where he had observed the suspect. When the suspect saw the officer, he rushed the cruiser and launched a violent attack on his pursuer,

dragging him from the police vehicle and removing his duty pistol from its holster. The attacker then shot the officer, who was wearing body armor, in the side of the head with the .40-caliber semiautomatic service weapon. The suspect also fired at a deputy responding from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, shooting through the windshield of his approaching vehicle and wounding him in his side, between his right arm and his protective vest. The injured deputy returned fire from a prone position inside his vehicle. When additional officers arrived at the scene, and the alleged killer ran from the parking lot, taking the police weapon with him. Officers quickly caught up with the man and ordered him to surrender the weapon. The suspect refused and pointed the gun at the officers, who opened fire and killed the 21-year-old man.

About 7:20 a.m. on May 28, a 23-year-old patrol officer with the Chesterfield County Police Department was fatally wounded while responding to a disturbance call. When the patrol officer, who had five months of law enforcement service, and another officer responded to reports of shots fired at a residence, they saw a man with a gun in the front yard of the residence. The officers exited their vehicles, drew their weapons, approached the man, and ordered him to surrender. He refused to surrender and shot at the two officers with a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The victim patrol officer, standing less than 10 feet away from the suspect, was struck in the chest by a bullet that entered through the armhole of his protective vest. The other officer returned fire and fatally wounded the offender. The victim officer was taken to a local medical center where he died of his injuries later that day. The 26-year-old offender, whose only known

prior offense was for trespassing, was taken to another medical center where he also died of his wounds.

A 33-year-old police officer with the Virginia Beach Police Department was shot and killed on June 23 at 3:25 a.m. while making a traffic stop. The officer, with over 5 years of police experience, was on a DUI/radar enforcement detail and had radioed the dispatcher that he had just stopped a vehicle with two occupants. Unknown to the officer, the two individuals had just committed an armed robbery of an all-night restaurant. As the officer exited his cruiser, the driver got out of his vehicle and shot twice with a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The officer's body armor stopped one shot, but the second shot went through the armhole of the vest wounding the officer in the chest as he turned to seek cover behind his cruiser. The officer continued to the passenger side of his cruiser as the suspect came between the vehicles and stood at the front passenger side of the cruiser. The victim officer fired four rounds at his attacker, striking him three times and mortally wounding him. The suspect then managed to fire two more rounds, which struck the victim officer fatally in the head. Both the officer and his 21-year-old assailant died at the scene. The other occupant of the car did not take part in the shooting and remained in the vehicle until responding officers arrived.

A 41-year-old patrol officer with the Richmond Police Department was killed at 5:15 p.m. on July 30 while investigating a call concerning an armed individual who was selling drugs. The veteran officer, with 5 years of law enforcement experience, arrived at the scene and approached the suspect. When the officer attempted to obtain identification from the man, the man

tried to flee. A struggle ensued, and the suspect produced a .38-caliber revolver and shot four times, striking the victim officer in the side of his head, his back, and fatally in his neck. Through further investigation, the Richmond Police Department identified the alleged assailant as an 18-year-old male, a known dealer of narcotics, and initiated a manhunt for him. The Richmond FBI; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and the U.S. Secret Service assisted the Richmond agency in the hunt for the alleged shooter. The Richmond SWAT team located and arrested the suspect without incident at a local hotel on August 2. The man, who had a previous charge of Obstruction of Justice, was charged with Capital Murder and Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony.

A sergeant investigator, aged 30, with the Greene County Sheriff's Office was gunned down in Standardsville while trying to arrest an individual shortly before 11 p.m. on August 26. The investigator, who had nearly 8 years of law enforcement experience, and a detective had traveled there to arrest the subject on drug-related charges. The individual had previously agreed to cooperate with an ongoing drug investigation that the Greene County Sheriff's Office was conducting but later decided not to cooperate. The deputies arrived at the home of the subject's mother, who informed them that her son was not there. The deputies asked her if they could search the residence, and she agreed. Once inside the house, the deputies saw the subject go into one of the bedrooms and followed him to the room. One of the deputies kicked open the bedroom door, and the man opened fire on them with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. As they returned fire, the man shot the sergeant investigator at least five

times in the front below the waist and fatally in the stomach area. The victim deputy was wearing body armor, but the rounds entered between the side panels of the vest. During the shootout, the detective killed the 32-year-old suspect, a known drug user and dealer who had numerous prior arrests including assault and carrying a concealed weapon.

WASHINGTON

On June 26 at 6 p.m., a 35-year-old deputy sheriff with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while investigating a driver with a suspended license. The deputy, with nearly 8 years of experience, advised the Chelan County Sheriff's Office communications center that he was at a residence in Manson attempting to contact a driver, who had been previously arrested for DUI, that he suspected had been driving with a suspended license. The next communication regarding the incident was when a citizen radioed the communications center that the deputy was wounded and needed assistance. An eyewitness report indicates that the deputy, who was wearing body armor, was engaged in a physical struggle with the individual he was investigating. The witness heard two gunshots, saw the victim deputy fall to the ground, and observed the suspect leave the scene in a station wagon. The deputy was struck fatally in the front of the head by a shot from his .40-caliber semiautomatic service weapon. A 21-year-old male, whom the witness identified through prior contact, was arrested 3 days later and charged with Murder.

On August 2, at 10:25 a.m., a 46-year-old officer with the Federal Way Department of Public Safety was shot to death while investigating a domestic disturbance. The veteran officer, who

had nearly 8 years of law enforcement experience, was attempting to resolve an argument between a man and his brother and other family members who accused the man of stealing from them. After talking to the family for a few minutes, the officer returned to his patrol car and made a call on his police radio. While the officer was occupied with the call, the man fled from the scene, and the officer and the man's brother ran after him. When they caught the suspect, the officer attempted to arrest him. A struggle ensued as the officer attempted to handcuff the man, and the man pulled the officer's .45-caliber service weapon, a semiautomatic handgun, from the holster and shot the victim officer once below his body armor in the lower abdominal area. The victim officer was transported to a local hospital where he died from the wound. The 28-year-old suspect, a known user of narcotics, was under the influence of a controlled substance at the time of the incident. The man also was on probation for previous charges including rape and assault. He was arrested that day and charged with Aggravated First-Degree Murder and 2 counts of Assault.

WISCONSIN

A deputy sheriff, aged 32, with the Adams County Sheriff's Office was killed when he responded to a disturbance call shortly before 11 a.m. on March 7 in Strongs Prairie. The 7-year veteran responded to a call that an individual was threatening road workers with a firearm. Additional deputies had been dispatched but had not yet arrived. Arriving at the scene, the officer saw the man standing in his driveway and attempted to talk to the individual. Apparently, the person then reached into brush lining the driveway and produced a .300-caliber lever-action rifle with a scope. The officer unholstered his .45-

caliber semiautomatic handgun, pointed it at the man, and commanded him several times to drop his weapon, but the individual continued to raise the rifle. The deputy fired two shots, missing the man. The suspect allegedly then fired a single shot from a distance of more than 50 feet, fatally striking the deputy in the front upper torso. The victim officer, who died at the scene, was wearing body armor; however, the round was more powerful than the vest's capabilities. After shooting the victim officer, the 54-year-old man, who was known to have prior mental disorders, took the deputy's service weapon and radio and barricaded himself inside his residence. Following a 6-hour standoff with law enforcement officers, tactical unit members took the suspect into custody. He was arrested and charged with First-Degree Intentional Homicide.

A deputy with the Green Lake County Sheriff's Department was shot on October 19 at 4:15 p.m. while responding to a domestic disturbance call in Green Lake. When the Green Lake County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call from a woman whose husband allegedly had hit her and taken their infant hostage in their apartment, the Department dispatched a patrol car to the scene. While the woman remained on the telephone with the dispatcher, the man went into the bedroom where he had several firearms. The woman then was able to take

the infant and her daughter from the living room. She exited the apartment building and went to her car. At that time, the patrol car with two deputies arrived at the scene; shortly thereafter, another deputy, who was 38 years old and had over 14 years' law enforcement experience, arrived. The deputies conferred briefly and decided that the deputies who were first to arrive would establish a roadblock farther down the street. The remaining deputy, who was wearing body armor, opened his trunk and began to remove his tactical rifle. Undetected, the suspect went out onto the apartment's second-floor balcony and shot the deputy with a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle in the chest and fatally above his protective vest in the neck and the throat. Witnessing the shooting, the woman and her children fled to safety at a nearby apartment building where she called 911 and reported an officer down. The suspect then yelled threats toward the street and fired two additional shots at a man who had stopped and exited his vehicle to assist the victim officer; the man abandoned his vehicle and fled the scene on foot. The deputies at the roadblock radioed the victim deputy and received no response. Shortly thereafter, the dispatcher requested additional assistance because an officer was down. The suspect reentered the apartment, fired at least ten additional rounds into the interior entry door and wall of the apartment, and entered the

bedroom, firing more shots. After receiving notification that there was an officer down, one of the deputies who had established the roadblock worked his way to the scene and approached the area where the victim deputy lay, ordering citizens into their houses. The deputy dragged the victim deputy to safety on the driver's side of the squad car and attempted to resuscitate him. At that time, the suspect shot at the assisting deputy from the bedroom window. The deputy returned fire across the hood of the car toward an apartment window in which the glass had been broken and the blinds were moving. When the shooting stopped, the deputy attempted to drag the victim deputy from the scene; two additional officers responding to the incident assisted in putting the victim deputy in the squad car. The victim deputy was transported to a local fire department, then to a medical center where he was pronounced dead at 6:30 p.m. Shortly after firing shots from the bedroom, the 21-year-old suspect, who had no known prior arrests, used a 9 mm pistol to shoot himself in the head. Because officials thought the suspect had barricaded himself in the apartment, they evacuated local residents. After several hours, SWAT teams from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department entered the apartment and found the suspect dead.