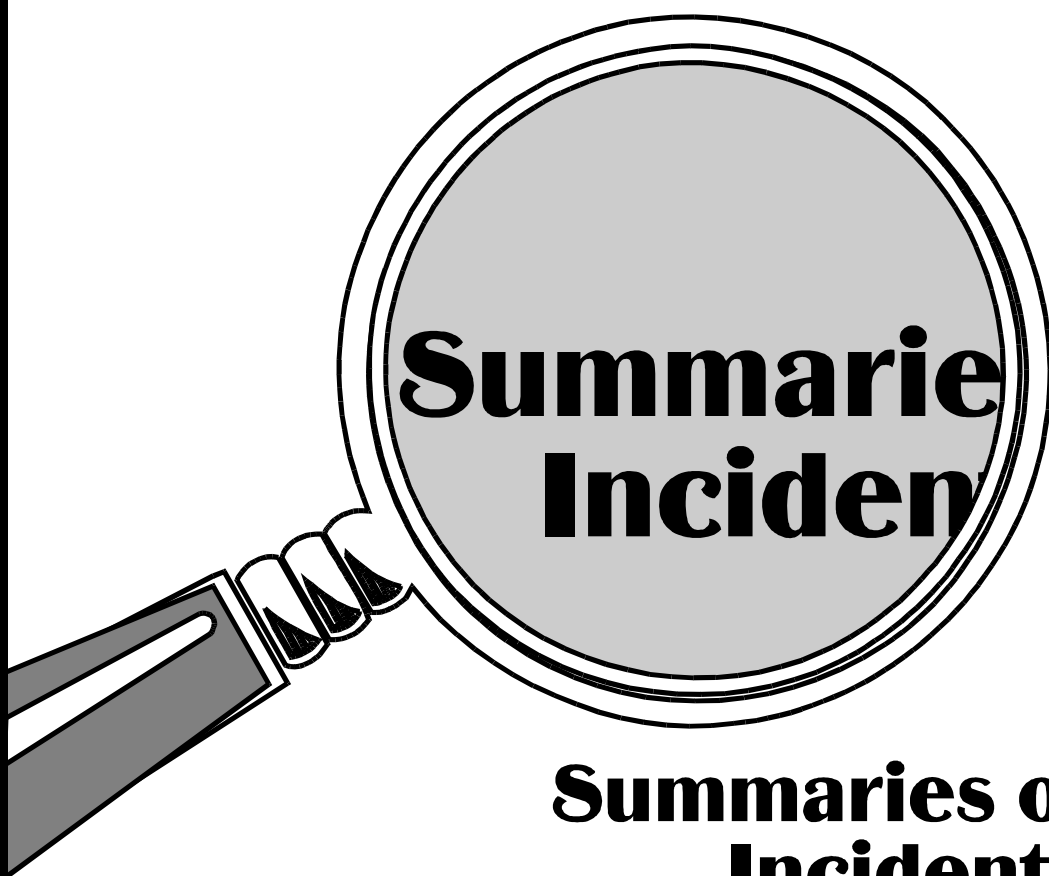


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Alaska

At approximately 1:30 a.m. on May 15, a 30-year-old patrol officer with the Palmer Police Department was mortally wounded while checking on the welfare of a man slumped over the steering wheel of his vehicle. The officer woke the man and had him step out of his truck. The officer, who had nearly 4 years of law enforcement experience, was notified by radio that the owner of the vehicle was known to carry a weapon. At that point, the man jumped back into his truck, followed by the officer who tried to gain control of the subject. The subject allegedly fired a single shot from a .22-caliber handgun. The bullet struck the victim officer in the front upper torso/chest, entering above his body armor. The victim officer fired two shots, wounding the man. The 52-year-old alleged killer was treated at a local hospital. He has been arrested and charged with Homicide.

Arizona

A 38-year-old police officer with 4 years of law enforcement experience was shot and killed at approximately 3 p.m. on April 16 as he and fellow officers with the Chandler Police Department's SWAT team were attempting to apprehend suspects following a jewelry store robbery in Tempe. Police officers from Tempe pursued three suspects to an apartment complex in the neighboring city of Chandler. Units from the Chandler Police Department joined in the search for the suspects and located an apartment where a forced entry had apparently occurred. Efforts to contact anyone inside the apartment were unsuccessful. After a diversionary device was detonated outside the front door, the victim officer led a four-person entry team into the apartment. A male, armed with a 7.62x39 semiautomatic rifle, opened fire on the team. The victim officer, who was wearing body armor, was shot in the front upper torso/chest, front lower torso/stomach, and received a fatal wound to the front of the head. The 26-year-old suspect was shot and killed as other members of the entry team returned fire. Two addi-

tional suspects, both 24-year-old males, were arrested later the same day as they attempted to walk away from the apartment complex. The two men were each charged with First-Degree Murder, Armed Robbery, and Burglary. One of the suspects was also charged with Parole Violation.

A police officer with the Phoenix Police Department was slain at approximately 5:30 p.m. on March 26 during an investigation of drug-related matters. The officer along with two other officers was investigating a report of drugs being dealt from a vehicle parked in the parking lot of a local tavern. While waiting for the vehicle's occupants to come out of the tavern, two of the three officers surveilling the scene were called away on other assignments. After three males emerged from the bar and left in the vehicle in question, the 28-year-old officer, who had nearly 5 years of law enforcement experience, followed them in his patrol car advising on the radio that he was in pursuit. According to witnesses, the officer's car turned a corner where a male who had exited the suspect's vehicle and was stationed beside it began firing shots at the officer. The patrol car continued a short distance before it crashed into a utility pole. The victim officer, who was wearing protective body armor, was mortally wounded by shots fired from a .357 caliber revolver into the right side of his head. Witnessing the shooting, a citizen who had a permit to carry a weapon drew his own weapon and shot the assailant in the back, wounding him. The citizen disarmed the man before responding officers arrived and took the suspect into custody. The other two males who were in the car fled the scene on foot but were soon apprehended by responding officers. The 17-year-old alleged assailant, who had a non-law enforcement relationship with the victim officer, was arrested and charged with Homicide and Aggravated Assault with a Weapon. The other two suspects, aged 22 and 18, were also arrested and charged with Homicide and Narcotics Selling.

Just before noon on December 9, a 38-year-old patrol officer with the White Mountain Apache Police Department was assaulted, shot, and killed during a felony vehicle traffic stop. The veteran officer, with over 8 years of law enforcement experience, was advised by radio of a burglary at a local store and given a description of the vehicle observed leaving the scene. The officer responded to the area of the burglary and noticed a pickup truck fitting that description on a remote road in a wooded area. The officer stopped the truck and ordered the driver to exit. While in the process of being handcuffed, the driver began to resist the officer, and a struggle ensued. During the altercation, the officer fired one shot from his 10 mm semiautomatic service pistol and hit the man in the shoulder. At this time, the man's son allegedly exited the vehicle and helped his father force the officer to the ground. After striking the victim officer in the head with a rock, the 38-year-old alleged assailant, who was on probation and under the influence of alcohol at the time, picked up the officer's weapon and fatally shot him in the back of the head at point-blank range. The man and his 18-year-old son then fled into the woods. An intensive multiagency manhunt was initiated; the two were arrested a few miles away the next morning and charged with Homicide of a Police Officer and First-Degree Murder.

California

A 41-year-old police officer with the Oakland Police Department was shot and killed just after midnight on January 10 by a sniper on a highway overpass as the officer searched a roadside for a weapon discarded during a vehicle pursuit. The officer, with nearly 5 years of police experience, was attempting to recover a shotgun that allegedly had been tossed from a vehicle that other officers had been pursuing. As the victim officer and his field training officer were searching the roadside, a sniper positioned himself on a nearby overpass and fired a 7.62 mm semiautomatic rifle at the two officers. The training officer was struck in his handcuff case and was unharmed; however, the victim officer was struck in the upper back where the bullet penetrated his body armor and mortally wounded him. Reportedly, the sniper believed the shootings would

cause officers still in pursuit of his friends' vehicle to terminate the chase and return to the fallen officers. A 19-year-old male was arrested later that afternoon and charged with Murder.

At approximately 1 a.m. on June 12, a deputy sheriff with the Orange County Sheriff's Department was killed while conducting a routine patrol. The 34-year-old deputy drove his patrol vehicle into the parking lot of a convenience store. A man carrying a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle was inside the store purchasing a pack of cigarettes. The deputy, a veteran with nearly 9 years of law enforcement service, entered the parking lot and activated the vehicle's overhead lights as the man exited the store. At some point as the officer drove into the parking lot, he attempted to broadcast a standby, emergency-traffic-only message. The man allegedly opened fire on the deputy still seated in his vehicle. The victim officer was struck repeatedly by rounds that penetrated his ballistic vest. He was fatally wounded by shots that struck him in the front of the head. The suspect fled the scene but was arrested without incident several hours later near his residence. The 39-year-old alleged offender, who had prior arrests, was charged with First-Degree Murder with Special Circumstance of Killing a Peace Officer.

A 34-year-old deputy with the Riverside County Sheriff's Office was shot at approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 8 when he responded to a robbery-in-progress call at a residence in an unincorporated area of the city. The deputy, with 3 years of law enforcement experience, interviewed two witnesses at the scene. Reportedly, one of the witnesses told the deputy that a man in the residence was armed. After radioing for backup, the deputy approached the rear of the residence; an assailant fired at him with a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle. Although the victim officer was wearing body armor, the shot penetrated the vest and fatally wounded him in the back. Following the shooting, the suspect fled the scene. When backup personnel arrived, the deputy was transported to a local hospital where he died at approximately 4:30 p.m. Meanwhile, responding officers assisted a female who had emerged from the residence wrapped in duct tape. She had been house-sitting for the homeowners and was alone

when the robbery began. The woman said that she had been attacked, knocked unconscious, and bound in duct tape. She added that possibly three males were involved in the robbery and that one of them was her grandson. Approximately two hours later, the alleged shooter, the woman's 17-year-old grandson, was located by officers. After he fired at them, the officers shot and killed him. The male, who was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident, was a documented street gang member and an escapee from a local juvenile detention center. He had prior arrests including Minor in Possession of a Firearm and Resisting Arrest. Another male was detained in conjunction with the case, but investigators determined later that the deceased suspect acted alone in the officer's murder.

A 28-year-old officer with the Sacramento Police Department was shot and killed at approximately 8:20 p.m. on February 9 during a felony vehicle stop. The officer, with 8 years of law enforcement experience, and his partner had stopped a vehicle to investigate the driver whom they suspected was wanted for parole violation. The man offered some sketchy identification information, then, while the officers were verifying the information, fled in his vehicle. The officers pursued the suspect, who stopped a second time. The victim officer exited the police car and approached the suspect's vehicle. The driver allegedly produced a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol and shot at the officer, striking him in the arm and in the chest through the armhole of his protective vest. The 35-year-old alleged assailant then fled the scene on foot but was apprehended later and charged with Murder and Parole Violation. The victim officer was taken by life flight to a hospital where he was pronounced dead less than an hour later.

Connecticut

A 26-year-old police officer with the East Hartford Police Department was shot at approximately 9:15 p.m. on January 23 while responding to what was initially reported as a noise complaint. The officer, with nearly two years of law enforcement experience, arrived at the scene and encountered a male leaving an apartment. Upon being questioned

by the officer, who was wearing body armor, the man allegedly produced a .38-caliber handgun and shot the officer once in the front of the head. A second officer, who was dispatched to the incident in a separate vehicle, discovered the victim officer who was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead the same day. Subsequent investigation revealed that the noise referred to in the original complaint was related to a robbery in progress. During the robbery, a man had allegedly assaulted an individual, bound him with tape, and took his weapon—the firearm used against the victim officer. The alleged robber was accompanied by a female. Reportedly, another female accomplice, who was said to have planned the robbery, and a male accomplice were waiting outside the building. The four individuals fled the scene. The male suspect, who was on probation, and the two females were located and arrested on January 27, and the male in the getaway car was located and arrested on January 29. The 23-year-old suspect was charged with Murder, Capital Murder, Felony Murder, First-Degree Assault, Kidnaping-with a Firearm, First-Degree Burglary, First-Degree Robbery, Stealing a Firearm, Criminal Weapon Use, and Criminal Weapon Possession. The 29-year-old female who accompanied him was charged with Capital Murder, Felony Murder, First-Degree Assault, First-Degree Burglary, First-Degree Robbery, First-Degree Kidnaping, and Theft of a Firearm. The pair, who had been waiting in the vehicle (a female aged 23 and a man aged 45) were charged with Felony Murder, First-Degree Kidnaping, First-Degree Burglary, and First-Degree Robbery.

Georgia

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 31, a 24-year-old patrol officer with the Atlanta Police Department was killed while assisting in an arrest attempt. Shortly after an officer stopped to help a stranded motorist push a vehicle out of the street, the motorist became physically and verbally abusive and attempted to leave. Suspecting that the vehicle was stolen, the officer called for backup. When three backup officers arrived, the man became violent, and the original responding officer wrestled him to the ground to subdue him. As the

officers attempted to roll the suspect over to handcuff him, the suspect pulled a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and fired several rounds, fatally striking one of the backup officers in the front of his head as well as in his arms and hands. The victim officer, who was wearing protective body armor, had over 3 years' law enforcement experience. A second officer was also shot at, but he was unharmed because the round was deflected by his police radio. During the incident, the officers returned fire, hitting the suspect in the leg. However, the suspect escaped the scene in a patrol car. Shortly thereafter, the suspect wrecked the patrol car and fled on foot to a nearby church where he was apprehended by other officers. The 24-year-old male, who had prior arrests and was on probation, was arrested and charged with Murder of an Officer.

A patrol officer and a sergeant with the Cobb County Police Department were shot and killed during a tactical situation on July 23. Two other officers from the department were dispatched early in the evening to a disturbance call. After the suspect in the disturbance fired at and injured one of the responding officers, numerous officers and detectives from different units and precincts arrived and established a perimeter around the suspect's residence. A hostage negotiator tried unsuccessfully to talk the suspect, who was holding his mother against her will, out of the house, so a decision was made for the SWAT team to enter the residence. At approximately 11 p.m. the first team entered the basement of the home. Hearing the basement team's entry begin, a second team of five members entered through a carport door that led into the kitchen. Once the entries began, several gunshots were heard in rapid succession, and members of the carport entry team reported two officers were down. The wounded officers, a 32-year-old patrol officer with 7 years' law enforcement experience, and a 35-year-old sergeant with over 14 years' experience were each fatally wounded by shots from a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun to the front upper torso/chest that entered through the armhole/shoulder area of their protective vests. Both men were pulled from the house by officers surrounding the site and were taken to the hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival. The remaining officers retreated

from the house using tear gas and a flash stun/concussion device to cover their retreat. The situation continued through the night. When the 40-year-old male suspect tried to climb out through a back window of the house the next morning, he was shot and killed. The man's mother was removed from the house and taken to a local hospital for observation and treatment.

A 12-year veteran lieutenant with the Tybee Island Police Department died on April 12 at approximately 6 p.m. from injuries he sustained as a result of an automobile accident that occurred while in the pursuit of suspects. The 34-year-old lieutenant and his partner were investigating a series of automobile break-ins and noticed three or four people they believed to be involved. A check on the license plate of the car in which the individuals were traveling revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen. The officer and his partner pulled the car over, but as they approached the vehicle, the driver sped away. The officers returned to their vehicle and pursued the suspects. The lieutenant radioed the dispatcher that the suspects were trying to run the unmarked patrol car off the road. A short time later, the officers' vehicle left the roadway and crashed head-on into a palm tree along the side of the road, spun around, hit a second palm tree on the driver's side of the vehicle, and came to rest on the roadway. The victim officer, who received fatal injuries to the chest and front of the head, died before he could be transported to a local hospital. The other officer was seriously injured in the incident, but was expected to recover completely. Two days later, a 19-year-old male, the alleged driver of the stolen vehicle, was arrested and charged with Homicide and two counts of Aggravated Assault.

A 35-year-old captain with the Villa Rica Police Department was fatally shot at close range at approximately 11:30 a.m. on January 20 during what was initially a routine traffic stop. Operating a marked patrol vehicle, the captain, a veteran law enforcement officer with 12 years' experience, had just executed a routine traffic stop and issued a warning ticket when he became suspicious that the motorist was transporting drugs in his vehicle. As

the captain prepared to conduct a vehicle search, however, the motorist allegedly shot the victim officer in the right wrist and in the rear of the head with a .25-caliber handgun. He then fled the scene with the captain's citation book. Later, a passing motorist discovered the victim officer, who was wearing protective body armor, and summoned help. The captain was airlifted to an area medical center where he died at 3:50 p.m. the same day. A 32-year-old suspect with an extensive criminal history and whose name appeared on a copy of the citation found at the scene remained at large until he was apprehended in Canada. He was charged with Murder and extradited to the United States for trial.

Hawaii

On December 12 at approximately 10:30 a.m., a 47-year-old ranger with the National Park Service was killed while investigating a suspicious person. During a foot patrol of an isolated beach near Kailua-Kona, the veteran officer, with over 8 years of law enforcement experience, was investigating complaints that a homeless man and his three dogs were harassing park visitors. When the ranger confronted the individual, an altercation ensued, and the dogs attacked the ranger, biting his legs. During the struggle, the man allegedly gained possession of the ranger's 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and shot him in the chest and fatally in the front of the head. He then allegedly attempted to conceal the body and left the scene with the ranger's handgun, magazine, pepper spray canister, handcuffs, binoculars, and citation book. A 30-year-old man with a history of prior arrests including Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest was located and arrested on December 14. He was charged with Homicide-Murder of a Federal Officer.

Illinois

At approximately 2:50 in the afternoon on January 9, a 38-year-old patrol officer with the Chicago Police Department was shot and killed during an investigation of suspicious persons in a vehicle. The officer, a 9-year law enforcement veteran, and his partner were in pursuit of two suspects who had

fled the scene and had been observed traveling in the wrong direction on a one-way street. During the chase, the suspect vehicle struck a parked car, both occupants exited, and the 23-year-old male driver allegedly fired on the officers with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. The victim officer, who was wearing body armor, was fatally struck in the forehead while still in his vehicle and died instantly. His partner was also wounded in the exchange of gunfire. The suspects fled the scene, but the alleged shooter, who had a long history of previous violent arrests, was apprehended a short time later and charged with Murder and Attempted Murder. The wounded officer was treated and has recovered from his injuries and is back on duty.

A 34-year-old plainclothes police officer with the Chicago Police Department was shot and killed on March 9 at approximately 2 p.m. while conducting an investigation of suspicious persons. The officer, who had been with the department for nearly 5 years, and his partner approached a suspected stolen vehicle intending to question a male and female who were sitting inside. As his partner moved to the passenger side of the vehicle, the victim officer approached the driver. During the course of the investigation, the officer and the driver began struggling. The male allegedly gained control of the officer's 9 mm automatic weapon and subsequently shot him in the face with it. The partner then began struggling with the alleged shooter in an attempt to disarm him. During the altercation, the man fired a shot in the direction of a police vehicle that was arriving at the scene. The assisting officer thereupon stepped out of his patrol vehicle and returned fire, striking the suspect five times. The victim officer, who had been wearing body armor, was pronounced dead after being transported to a local hospital. The 38-year-old alleged assailant underwent surgery for his wounds and recovered. The second individual, a female who managed to flee from the scene during the confrontation, was later identified, questioned, and released without charge. The male was charged with Homicide.

Indiana

A 26-year-old trooper with the Indiana State Police was fatally shot as he initiated a traffic stop in a parking lot behind a store in Decatur at approximately 8 p.m. on April 3. The victim trooper, who had been assigned to the state police 4 months earlier, was exiting his patrol car after stopping a pickup truck when the driver stepped from his vehicle and opened fire with a 7.62x39 mm rifle that had been converted to fully automatic. The trooper, who was wearing body armor, was shot below the waist, in the arms, and fatally in the back of his head. The shooter then fled the scene. An employee from a nearby restaurant witnessed the shooting and was able to provide a description of the assailant and his vehicle to investigating officers. A 38-year-old male suspect was arrested the following day and charged with Murder.

Kansas

A Clay County deputy sheriff with 15 years of law enforcement experience was killed at approximately 4 p.m. on November 16 as he was conducting a search to locate an escapee. The deputy and two other officers were attempting to execute a search warrant at the Morganville home of an escapee from the Cloud County Jail in Concordia. The deputy followed his police dog upstairs to an attic area. As the 62-year-old officer neared the top of the stairs, the subject, who was hiding in a dark area, allegedly fired a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun through the wall. The slug struck the victim deputy in the front of the head. The man then allegedly shot and killed the police dog. The victim deputy was transported to an area medical center where he died later that day. A 22-year-old male suspect surrendered a short time later and was charged with Capital Murder the following day.

Kentucky

A patrol officer with the Greenville Police Department was killed in an ambush at approximately 6 a.m. on June 27. As the 8-year veteran of law enforcement service, his wife, and daughter were getting into their vehicle in front of their home, the 29-year-old officer was killed by a .270-caliber bolt action rifle shot to the front of his head fired from

the kitchen window of the house next door. The alleged shooter then approached the vehicle and fatally shot the officer's wife. Police responding to a report of shots fired arrested a 27-year-old suspect. He was charged with four counts of Capital Murder and one count of Theft or Unlawful Taking Over/\$300. Investigation revealed that the suspect, who possibly suffered from a mental disorder and had killed both of his parents on the previous day, was related to the officer.

Massachusetts

A 52-year-old patrol officer with the Holyoke Police Department was shot and killed at approximately 8:50 a.m. on December 22 while responding to a disturbance call. Upon arrival at the scene, the veteran officer, who had more than 21 years of law enforcement experience, began following an individual believed to be involved in the disturbance. The suspect began to flee on foot with the officer following in his vehicle. Moments after the officer informed headquarters of the situation, the male turned and allegedly fired approximately 10 rounds from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun into the officer's vehicle. The victim officer was struck five times including a fatal shot to the front upper torso/chest area. The officer was transported to an area medical center where he was pronounced dead on arrival. A 27-year-old male suspect was apprehended 5 days later in another state and charged with Capital Murder.

Michigan

A 26-year-old police officer with the Detroit Police Department's Vice Squad Unit was shot and killed at 1:30 p.m. on February 5 during an arrest attempt in a sting operation. After a male passenger in a pickup truck solicited an undercover officer for sex, the officer signaled for backup officers who made a traffic stop on the vehicle. The passenger in the truck exited the vehicle and began to walk away. As two of the backup officers confronted the man, a struggle ensued. The male broke free, turned, and fired five shots from a .38-

caliber revolver. One of the two officers, who had more than 4 years of law enforcement experience, received a fatal shot above his body armor in the rear upper torso/back. The second backup officer, who had been in the process of detaining the driver, received a grazing wound to the head, a shot to the chest that hit his body armor, and a shot to the neck that critically injured him. The 21-year-old male shooter, who was running from the scene still pointing his weapon, was shot and killed by the other backup officers. The injured officer is expected to recover but has not yet returned to work. The driver of the vehicle was detained and questioned but was later released without being charged.

Missouri

A 43-year-old sergeant with the Missouri State Highway Patrol was shot and killed near St. Joseph on October 6 at approximately 5:35 p.m. while investigating a suspicious person. The officer, a 14-year law enforcement veteran, spotted a vehicle matching the description of one driven by a man who had been reported leaving a truck stop without paying for gasoline. The officer radioed the dispatcher that he was going to stop the vehicle. Minutes later, after the dispatcher was unable to contact the officer and a "Missing Persons - Caution Upon Contact" bulletin was received in reference to the license plate check on the vehicle, other officers were sent to the scene. Before the other officers arrived, the dispatcher received a call from an off-duty deputy sheriff on the victim sergeant's patrol radio reporting a shooting. According to witnesses, the subject had pulled to the side of the road, exited his vehicle, and walked to the back of it. When the man saw the sergeant, he then turned and walked back to the open door of his vehicle and allegedly reached inside for a gun. The officer chased after the suspect and jumped onto his back in an attempt to subdue him. A struggle ensued, during which the suspect allegedly shot the officer twice in the chest with a .357-caliber handgun. The officer, who was wearing body armor, apparently shot the suspect in the leg. Falling to the ground, the suspect then shot the sergeant in both arms, with the fatal wound occurring when one bullet entered the officer's chest through the armhole of his protective vest. The 24-

year-old man then shot and killed himself. When responding officers arrived, they tended to the sergeant's injuries, but he died at the scene.

Mississippi

A 27-year-old deputy with the Prentiss County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed near the city of Rienzi at approximately 11 a.m. on March 11 while responding to a report of a person with a gun. The deputy, who had nearly 3 years' law enforcement service, was responsible for handling juvenile matters for the department and was not in uniform at the time of the incident, though he was displaying a badge on a duty belt. First to arrive at the scene, the deputy immediately spotted the subject, who was known to him from prior disturbance calls, driving along the county road. According to an eyewitness, the deputy stopped his marked patrol car in the middle of the road, exited his vehicle, and moved to speak to the driver, who stopped his vehicle alongside the patrol car. As the officer drew near, the driver allegedly shot him in the chest with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, striking his heart and killing him instantly. Subsequent rounds hit the fallen deputy in his arm and the back of his head. The alleged assailant then fled in his vehicle. A short time later, other law enforcement officers who had responded to the scene observed the automobile parked at the suspect's nearby residence. Upon investigation, the 29-year-old man was found lying in the front yard, dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

New Jersey

A 38-year-old police officer with the Orange Police Department was shot and killed at approximately 8:40 p.m. on April 8 while assisting in the pursuit of a robbery suspect. The police officer, who had over 4 years' law enforcement experience, was traveling alone in her marked police vehicle when she spotted a male fitting the general description of the armed robber. She called for confirmation of the suspect's jacket color and pulled her vehicle to the corner of an intersection in order to question the individual who was on foot. According to witnesses, the officer and suspect exchanged

words, and the officer went to the front of the vehicle to either search or apprehend the suspect. Pulling away from the officer's grasp and turning to the right, the suspect turned back to the officer wielding a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun from which he fired two shots. Though the victim officer was wearing protective body armor, she was hit once below the waist and fatally in the right temple area. The suspect, who was known to the police as a drug user/dealer, then fled the scene. The victim officer's body was discovered minutes later by an off-duty federal agent. The discarded weapon was found 300 yards from the scene. A 25-year-old male was arrested on April 17 and charged with Murder, Robbery by Injury/Threat, Possess Certain Bullets, and Possession of a Firearm for Unlawful Purpose.

A 35-year-old corporal with the Washington Township Police Department on special assignment with the Gloucester County Critical Incident Team was fatally wounded on October 21 at about 2:05 a.m. following a 4-hour standoff. At approximately 9:30 p.m. on October 20, officers from the Woodbury Police Department responded to a call made by neighbors reporting a domestic disturbance. The responding officers, in turn, requested assistance from the Gloucester County Critical Incident Team when they found the subject had barricaded himself in a bedroom and was possibly armed. After approximately 4 hours of trying to negotiate with the individual, the Team introduced gas into the residence and, after receiving instructions, entered the home. Finding the suspect's bedroom door shut, the Team released gas into the bedroom. The corporal, an 11-year law enforcement veteran, then kicked in the door. As he did, gunshots erupted from within the room. A shot from a 12-gauge, pump-action shotgun struck the victim, who was wearing body armor and using an entry shield, in the front of the head. Other team members extricated the victim corporal, who was transported to an area medical center where he died at approximately 8:10 a.m. on October 21. The 32-year-old suspect died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

New Mexico

On March 4 at approximately 3:50 p.m., a

38-year-old deputy with the Sierra County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while transporting a prisoner to the correctional facility in Grants. The veteran deputy, with nearly 9 years' law enforcement experience, was nearing the end of the journey when her prisoner apparently freed himself from his restraints, reached through the plexiglas window dividing the police car and began choking the deputy. During the struggle, the prisoner managed to gain possession of the deputy's .40-caliber semiautomatic service weapon and allegedly shot her in the leg below her protective vest and fatally in the rear of the head. The vehicle crossed the median of the highway and struck a tractor-trailer. When the patrol vehicle came to a rest, the prisoner purportedly escaped and carjacked a vehicle heading east, taking the driver hostage. He released his hostage after a few miles and was apprehended in Bernalillo County approximately 1 hour later. The deputy was transported to a nearby hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival. The alleged shooter, a 20-year-old parolee, was charged with Murder, Assault with Intent to Commit a Violent Felony on a Peace Officer, Escape, Kidnaping with Great Bodily Harm, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

North Carolina

A 30-year-old lieutenant with the Enfield Police Department was shot and killed on March 15 at approximately 12:15 a.m. during a felony vehicle stop. The incident occurred following an armed robbery in Scotland Neck. The lieutenant and another officer had stopped a vehicle matching the broadcast description of the getaway car. Following the stop, the police officers ordered the driver to step out of the vehicle and walk backward toward them. Then they ordered him down on his knees with his arms raised. The lieutenant, with more than 5 years' law enforcement experience, covered the male with her service weapon as the other officer attempted to handcuff him. The man resisted, and a struggle occurred between the two men. The lieutenant warned the man several times that he was considered armed and dangerous and that she would shoot if he continued to resist arrest. However, the suspect produced a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and shot the lieutenant, who was

wearing body armor, in the front of her head. He then broke away from the second officer and fled in the suspect vehicle. A 23-year-old male was arrested later that day and charged with Murder.

At approximately 10 a.m. on April 15, a 36-year-old detective with the Warren County Sheriff's Department was shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant. For the second time that morning, the detective, with over 3 years' law enforcement experience, and two other officers went to the residence of a man who was a suspect in an incident of assault on a law enforcement officer. Following the first attempt when no one answered the door, the officers were prompted to return to the residence on a tip that the man was home. Arriving at the house, the chief went to the back door, the sergeant covered the left side of the residence, and the detective went to the front porch. As the detective approached the front door, however, a man inside opened fire with a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun, shooting through the door and striking the victim officer in the face. The detective was pronounced dead at the scene, and a 19-year-old suspect was arrested and charged with First-Degree Murder.

A police officer with the Spencer Police Department died on June 3, 1999, of complications resulting from injuries suffered during an incident on October 19, 1997. At approximately 10 o'clock on the night of the shooting, two officers from the Spencer Police Department, including the victim officer with nearly 7 years of law enforcement experience and an assisting officer from the East Spencer Police Department, arrived at a residence to serve a warrant. Upon arrival, the officers were told by a woman that no one else was at home. However, while returning to their cars, the officers saw a man come to the front door and then run back into the house. The officers returned to the residence to search for the man and found a locked bedroom door. One officer was sent to get an entry tool from his car while the two other officers remained inside the house. As the two officers waited inside the house, the suspect came out of a closet and began firing a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun at them. The 31-year-old victim officer, who was wearing body armor, was shot four times. Two shots entered

his front torso, one shot deflected off his canister of pepper spray, and one shot was stopped by his body armor. He retreated from the house and collapsed on the front porch. The second officer returned fire from inside the house before being shot in the upper thigh. He managed to exit the house and collapsed in the yard. The suspect also exited the house and began shooting at the third officer who returned four shots, two of which hit the suspect in the leg. The 28-year-old male suspect, who was under the influence of a controlled substance and alcohol, then went back inside. Multiple agencies responded and a lengthy barricade situation ensued, during which the suspect committed suicide prior to the State Bureau of Identifications' Special Response Team making entry. The victim officer survived months of surgeries to correct his injuries before dying of complications during surgery on June 3. He was 32 years old at the time of his death. The other injured officer has returned to work.

Oklahoma

On July 19 at approximately 5:30 p.m., a reserve deputy with the Delaware County Sheriff's Department was killed while transporting a juvenile prisoner. The 65-year-old deputy, accompanied by his wife, was transporting a male to a juvenile detention facility. Riding in the back seat of the unmarked vehicle, the prisoner allegedly locked an arm around the wife's neck and ordered the deputy to pull over and surrender his weapon. The deputy, who had nearly 12 years of law enforcement experience, pulled to the side of the road. A struggle between the males ensued during which all three people exited the vehicle and the prisoner gained control of the officer's service weapon. The prisoner allegedly shot the deputy twice with the .38-caliber revolver, wounding him fatally in the rear upper torso. Leaving the victim's wife at the scene, the prisoner then fled in the officer's vehicle which he eventually abandoned on a county road. A manhunt resulted in the arrest of a 16-year-old male. The suspect, who was known to the deputy through a prior law enforcement relation-

ship, has been charged as an adult with First-Degree Murder.

A 49-year-old state trooper and member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tactical Team was fatally shot at approximately 12:30 a.m. on September 24 in a drug-related matter. The victim officer, with nearly 21 years of law enforcement experience, was a passenger in the lead vehicle of an arrest team assigned to serve two felony narcotics arrest warrants. As the two-man tactical team drove up to the suspect's residence located in a rural area near Sallisaw, a man opened fire with a .223-caliber semiautomatic rifle. Both officers were struck multiple times. Despite his protective body armor, the veteran trooper was killed when a round entered his chest through the armhole of his vest. Other members of the tactical team administered first aid, but the veteran officer did not regain consciousness. He was airlifted to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. In an ensuing exchange of gunfire, the 38-year-old male suspect was wounded by troopers and then taken into custody. He has been charged with one count of First-Degree Murder and three counts of Shooting with the Intent to Kill.

Pennsylvania

A 46-year-old senior patrol officer with the Kane Borough Police Department was shot and killed on February 20 at approximately 4 a.m. after performing a traffic stop. The 24-year veteran officer observed a car tailgating a pick-up truck, activated the lights on his patrol car, and stopped both vehicles. The officer approached the driver's side of the car and admonished the driver for following so closely to the truck. He inquired as to a friendship connection between the drivers of the two vehicles, and the driver of the truck, overhearing, shouted to the officer that he did not know the occupants of the car. Almost simultaneously, the driver of the car allegedly produced a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and shot the victim officer in the front upper torso/chest. As the victim stepped backward and drew his gun, he managed to fire five rounds before falling to the ground. Responding officers

found the victim on his back in the street, the alleged shooter slumped behind the wheel of the car with the 9 mm pistol in his lap, and two 17-year-old passengers still seated in the back of the vehicle. The two riders, a male and female, reported to the responding officers that the attack on the victim officer was unprovoked. The 18-year-old driver, who was apparently under the influence of a controlled substance and alcohol at the time of the incident, has recovered from his wounds and has been charged with Criminal Homicide, Firearm Carried without a License, and Reckless Endangerment.

South Carolina

A 27-year-old deputy sheriff with 3 years of service with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed at approximately 3:50 a.m. on August 13 while responding to a disturbance call. The call brought the deputy and other officers to a local restaurant where they encountered a male with a weapon. After a brief foot pursuit, the deputies were attempting to take this suspect into custody when one of two vehicles that had been observed leaving the restaurant's parking lot passed them, intentionally striking one deputy. The occupants of the vehicle fired a weapon of unknown caliber into the group of deputies. One round from a handgun struck the victim deputy, who was wearing body armor, in the back of his head, fatally wounding him. A third officer was wounded in the left shoulder. A 19-year-old male, who was a known drug dealer, was apprehended the same day and charged with Murder and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill.

Tennessee

A detective with the Goodlettsville Police Department was killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call shortly after 1 p.m. on May 22. Dressed in plain clothes, the 14-year veteran of law enforcement reached the disturbance scene in advance of other patrol units. After exiting his vehicle, the 35-year old detective approached the apartment complex identified in the 911 call, and, in so doing, passed between two

parked cars. A male seated on the passenger side of one of the vehicles fired a single shot from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, striking the officer in the front of his head. Following the shooting, the male apparently ran into the apartment to inform a second male of the incident and then came out to his vehicle. The second male then left the apartment, joined the alleged shooter in his vehicle, and they fled the area. The detective was transported to a hospital where he died several hours later. The 21-year-old shooter, who had prior arrests for assault and resisting arrest, was apprehended the same night. He confessed and was charged with two counts of Criminal Homicide. The second male, aged 24, turned himself in later in the evening and was charged with one count of Criminal Homicide. Investigation revealed that the 21-year-old had killed his wife earlier in the day. He stated that he recognized the detective as law enforcement from his badge and holstered firearm and thought the officer was coming to arrest him for the murder. The 24-year-old intended to kill his estranged girlfriend at the time of the detective's intervention.

Texas

On October 12, two deputies with the Atascosa County Sheriff's Department and one trooper from the Texas Department of Public Safety were shot and killed in an ambush in a rural subdivision near Pleasanton. A 31-year-old deputy, who had responded to a domestic violence call at a residence early that morning, responded to a second call from the same residence at approximately 8:30 p.m. The deputy, with 2 years of law enforcement experience, arrived at the home, exited the patrol vehicle, and was shot several times with a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle and a 12-gauge shotgun. A second deputy, a veteran with nearly 9 years of law enforcement service, responded as backup within 2 minutes of the first deputy's arrival. The assisting deputy, also 31 years old, exited his patrol vehicle and was shot several times with the same weapons used in the assault on the first deputy. The man then apparently came out of hiding and shot both victim officers multiple times in the head and took their service weapons. The assailant, who had been arrested that

morning by the first victim deputy for domestic violence, returned to the ambush area, and waited for other officers possibly en route to the area. Because the two deputies failed to respond to radio calls, a 37-year-old veteran state trooper, with 12 years of law enforcement experience, was dispatched to the residence. When the trooper arrived at approximately 9 p.m., he notified the dispatcher by radio that two officers were down and began to back his patrol car away from the scene. The suspect, still concealed in a brushy area across the road, opened fire on the trooper, hitting him in the hip and fatally wounding him in the head. The victim trooper was wearing body armor at the time of the attack. A patrolman from the Pleasanton Police Department arrived at the scene minutes after the state trooper and stopped his patrol car near where the trooper's vehicle had rolled to a stop; a retired agent with the U.S. Border Patrol also arrived at the scene. The two men exited their respective vehicles and met to discuss the situation. The suspect opened fire on the two men, wounding both of them. The patrol officer took cover behind his vehicle and returned fire. Civilian passersby assisted the two from the shooting scene in their vehicle, which sustained numerous hits from the suspect's high-velocity rifle as they left the area. One of the civilians suffered a superficial wound to the leg. Other law enforcement officers from several jurisdictions arrived at the scene. A police helicopter equipped with infrared radar supported the operation as did a fire department tank truck that the officers used for cover. Officers in a helicopter spotted the suspect who had crossed the roadway and entered a weeded area east of his residence. The airborne officers advised the ground officers of the man's location. Members of the ground crew directed gunfire in the suspect's direction while the officers inside the tank truck advanced toward the assailant's position. The officers in the helicopter observed the 21-year-old suspect stand up, appear to fire numerous shots in a circle around his position, then take a pistol from his belt and shoot himself in the head. Subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect prepared for his assault by placing ammunition in the bushy area near his home and then lured officers to the location with a bogus 911 call.

A 39-year-old police officer with the Houston Police Department was fatally wounded on May 19 at approximately 9 a.m. during a traffic stop. The officer, who was working undercover with the Auto Theft Division, observed a man suspected of car theft drive past and, upon learning the vehicle he was driving was reported stolen, followed the man to a local motel. After advising his dispatchers, the 20-year veteran of law enforcement pulled his vehicle into the motel lot and parked behind the stolen vehicle. The officer questioned the subject and attempted to arrest and handcuff him. However, the man resisted and a struggle ensued, during which he allegedly pulled out a .40-caliber automatic handgun and fired one shot into the victim officer's chest. The officer took cover behind his vehicle and returned fire as the suspect fled on foot. Two Houston Police Department Bicycle Patrol Officers responded to the gun shots and found the injured officer. After obtaining a description of the shooter from witnesses, the two bicycle patrol officers called for backup and pursued the suspect. The victim officer died en route to a local hospital. The alleged killer, a 23-year-old male, was arrested later that day in a nearby business and was charged with Capital Murder of a Police Officer/Fireman.

On October 2 at approximately 5 p.m., a 40-year-old lieutenant with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while investigating a disturbance call at a local mobile home park in Boerne. The lieutenant, with 12 years of law enforcement experience, and a constable responded to a 911 shots fired call received by the Boerne Police Department. Both officers exited their vehicles, and the lieutenant, taking the lead, approached the door of the mobile home and identified himself. A man opened fire with a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle, fatally striking the victim officer in the upper torso/chest with multiple rounds. The constable took cover behind a vehicle and radioed for assistance. The shooter then exited the dwelling and crawled underneath an adjacent mobile home. When the assisting officers arrived at the scene, they ordered in both English and Spanish that the man drop his weapon and surrender. Instead of surrendering, however, the assailant began to reload the rifle, and the officers opened fire on him. When the

subject was subdued, they removed him from underneath the dwelling and administered first aid. The 30-year-old suspect was transported to a local hospital where he died later that day.

Virginia

A 32-year-old sergeant with the Winchester Police Department was fatally shot just before midnight on October 29 while working with two parole officers investigating a suspicious person. In trying to locate a parole violator the sergeant, a Special Enforcement Team supervisor, and the parole officers observed a male and exited their marked patrol vehicle to inquire if he knew the violator's whereabouts. The man, however, ran into an alley. Believing that the man was the parole violator, the sergeant with nearly 9 years' law enforcement experience gave foot pursuit and was in radio contact with officers responding to assist and voice contact with a parole officer who was also in pursuit during the one-and-one-half block chase. Turning a corner, the male ran into a dark area between two houses. A back-up officer also in a marked patrol vehicle arrived as the sergeant entered an alley and observed the suspect suddenly stop, turn, and shoot the sergeant in the forehead with a .38-caliber revolver. The victim sergeant, who was wearing body armor, immediately fell down as the suspect fled into the completely dark backyard. A second back-up officer arrived and both back-up officers entered the rear yard to search for the shooter. However, complete darkness and a lack of cover deterred their efforts. The victim sergeant was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead at approximately 12:30 a.m. on October 30. A 35-year-old male who was free on bond pending a deportation hearing, was a known drug user and dealer, and had a previous law enforcement relationship with the victim sergeant, was located the next morning and arrested. He was charged with Capital Murder of a Police Officer and the Use of Firearm in Felony.

Washington

A 31-year-old trooper with the Kennewick

Detachment of the Washington State Patrol was mortally wounded after initiating a traffic stop at approximately 9 p.m. on October 7. While on patrol in the city of Pasco, the veteran trooper, with nearly 8 years of law enforcement service, advised via radio that he was conducting a traffic stop and provided the suspect vehicle's information. Shortly thereafter, a citizen used the victim trooper's radio to notify dispatchers that the trooper had been shot and to describe the vehicle in which the suspect had fled the scene. Upon arriving at the scene, respond-

ing officers found the fallen trooper. Although he was wearing protective body armor, the victim officer had been struck in the front of his head, arms, hands, and fatally in the neck by shots fired from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. Officers arrested a suspect the following day. The 28-year-old male, who had a prior arrest record, was a known drug dealer, and was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the murder incident, was charged with Aggravated First-Degree Murder.