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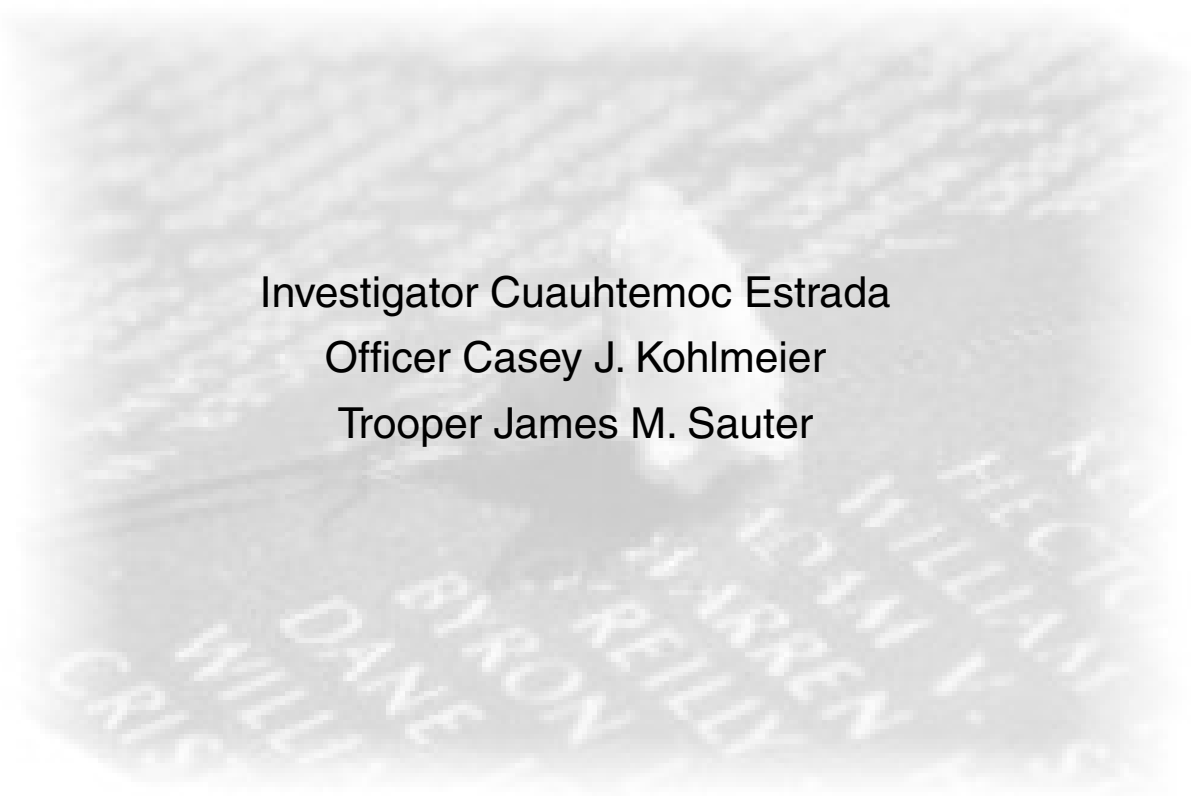
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DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular, to those officers who lost their lives in the performance of duty while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois.



***“Courage knows no bounds greater than that,
that a man or woman shall give his or her life in the
service of his or her community.”***

(Source Unknown)

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

During 2013, three Illinois law enforcement officers lost their lives in the performance of their duties while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois. A brief narrative of the circumstances surrounding these deaths are presented below.

March 28, 2013—ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

Trooper James M. Sauter was killed when a truck-tractor semi-trailer struck his patrol car which was parked on the shoulder of the interstate. Both vehicles burst into flames and Trooper Sauter succumbed to fatal injuries. Trooper Sauter was a five-year veteran of the Illinois State Police.

October 30, 2013—PONTIAC POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Casey J. Kohlmeier and his canine, Draco, were killed when his patrol car was struck by a drunk driver. Their patrol car was in a median turnaround when a vehicle struck the unit during a heavy rainfall. Officer Kohlmeier and his canine suffered fatal injuries in the collision. Officer Kohlmeier had served with the Pontiac Police Department for six years and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

December 20, 2013—COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Investigator Cuauhtemoc Estrada was shot and killed while intervening in an armed robbery while off duty. He observed a robbery taking place in a parking lot and identified himself as a police officer. As Investigator Estrada reached for his service weapon he was shot in the chest. He was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injury a short time later. Investigator Estrada had served with the Cook County Sheriff's Office for twenty years and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.