



## Summaries of Officers Feloniously Killed

The following narratives, which are separated into the regions they occurred in, detail select incidents in 2023 in which officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty. Law enforcement agencies reported these details to the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (or LEOKA) Data Collection. Certain details have been omitted from the narratives to prevent identification of the involved parties. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Occasionally, the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Program is unable to publish narratives concerning some officers who are feloniously killed in the line of duty. These situations may stem from insufficient information, gag orders issued by the courts, or other unusual circumstances. However, all available information is included where applicable in the data tables, which are published on the FBI's Crime Data Explorer website at [CDE \(cjis.gov\)](https://cde.fbi.gov).

### **Midwest**

During an early spring morning, a 24-year-old police officer was shot and killed after the end of her shift. The officer, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, was returning to her home when four armed subjects attempted to rob her. The officer used her service weapon to exchange rounds of gunfire with the subjects. She was wounded in the front of her head, neck/throat, and front upper torso/chest. The subjects stole her service weapon and fled the scene. Another officer, dispatched to respond to a report of shots fired, arrived at the location and found the wounded officer on the ground. The responding officer placed the victim officer into a patrol vehicle and transported her to a hospital where she was found to have succumbed to her injuries. Warrants were issued for the four subjects. A juvenile subject, who was also wanted on a prior misdemeanor warrant, was arrested and charged with various crimes. A 19-year-old subject, who was also wanted on a prior felony warrant, was arrested and charged with various crimes. An 18-year-old subject, who was also wanted on a prior felony warrant, was arrested and

charged with various crimes. Another 19-year-old subject was arrested and also charged with various crimes.

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During a summer afternoon in the Midwest, a 23-year-old police officer, who had 3 months of law enforcement experience, was ambushed and killed while responding to a traffic accident. While multiple police officers and emergency medical service personnel were processing a traffic accident, an individual had parked in a parking lot. The individual used a rifle to open fire on emergency medical service personnel and multiple responding officers, including the police officer who was assigned to a two-officer patrol unit. The officer was killed, and two other officers and a bystander were critically injured. Other officers who had responded to the scene returned fire and killed the 37-year-old subject. Law enforcement recovered two firearms and an explosive device at the scene.

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A 53-year-old deputy sheriff was killed one evening when he was struck by a vehicle as a subject was attempting to elude law enforcement during a high-speed chase. About 30 minutes earlier, deputies were alerted about a stolen vehicle believed to be headed toward their county. The driver of the vehicle was expected to be admitted to a local hospital for mental health reasons, but he fled in the vehicle. A deputy located the vehicle at a local establishment, approached it, and requested the driver turn off the vehicle. However, the subject sped off at a high rate of speed. The deputy returned to his vehicle and began pursuit. The deputy notified the dispatcher of the situation, and other deputies ahead of the chase set up spike strips along the highway and parked alongside the roadway with their emergency lights on. The subject swerved and collided with one of the awaiting police vehicles, resulting in a fiery crash. Deputies converged on the subject's vehicle. The subject resisted arrest, but the deputies were able to subdue him and place him in handcuffs. Deputies also attempted to aid the deputy sheriff who was in the vehicle that was struck; however, the veteran deputy, who had 25 years of law enforcement experience, died of his injuries. The 42-year-old suspect, who had a prior

criminal record, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident and was subsequently charged with multiple offenses.

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A 37-year-old police officer was shot and killed during a foot pursuit in the early morning during the winter. The police officer, who had 4½ years of law enforcement experience, and his partner exited their patrol vehicle when they saw a man and a woman exiting a car that had been reported stolen and recognized one as a wanted subject. The police officer called out the man's name, but the subject said that is not his name and he kept walking. The police officer yelled, "Let me see your hands!" The man began running, and the officers followed. The subject led them through a multiple-building complex as the police officer broadcast the foot pursuit and location. During the foot pursuit in darkness, the subject slipped and fell in the snow along a fence line. The officer's partner was able to catch up to the subject and grab a hold of him from behind. The subject had a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun in his right hand, and the officer's partner attempted to control the man's arms. The police officer rounded the corner of one of the buildings and saw what was happening. He ran toward the two in an attempt to assist his partner. The subject turned toward the police officer and fired four shots from a distance of about 6 feet, striking the police officer in the front lower waist/groin area, front legs, and in the front lower torso/abdomen. The police officer, who was wearing body armor, slipped and fell, but he was able to return to his feet. As the officer pulled out his service weapon, the subject fired three more shots at him. The officer's partner continued to struggle on the ground with the subject as the victim police officer was able to approach them with his gun drawn. The subject attempted to stand up, and the victim police officer fired five shots at him from a distance of about 1 foot, striking him three times in the rear lower torso/back and falling to the ground. The victim officer's partner was able to grab the subject's left arm and handcuff him. The victim officer collapsed, and his partner called out on the radio, "Officer down." The partner officer performed CPR on the victim officer until additional officers arrived on scene to assist. The victim officer was taken to a local hospital where he died a short time later from the wound to his front lower torso/abdomen from a bullet that entered below his body armor vest. The 19-year-old

suspect died at the scene. He was known to law enforcement as a violent offender and was on probation at the time of the incident.

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A 32-year-old police officer was shot and killed one evening while assisting with a domestic violence situation. The officer, a veteran with 5 years of law enforcement experience, and his partner responded to dispatch's call for assistance in locating a subject who had fled on foot after a reported domestic dispute. Dispatchers alerted the officers of the subject's physical description and the fact that he was likely carrying a firearm. As the officers were arriving in the patrol vehicle, they saw the subject fleeing. The 32-year-old police officer exited the passenger side of the patrol vehicle and pursued the subject on foot. Ignoring the officer's verbal commands to stop, the subject turned around and drew a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The subject allegedly fired five rounds at the officer from approximately 6 feet. Three rounds struck the veteran officer, who was wearing body armor, in the front of his head, his arm/hands, and the front of his legs. Before the officer died, he returned fire by discharging two rounds; one struck the suspect in the chin. The 18-year-old suspect was immediately taken into custody by responding units and charged with multiple crimes. The events that ultimately killed the veteran police officer were captured on the victim officer's body camera.

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On a late winter afternoon, a 50-year-old master trooper, who was a law enforcement veteran with more than 15 years of service, was killed while assisting with a vehicular pursuit. Another officer was pursuing a fleeing subject in his vehicle and, in an attempt to de-escalate the pursuit, the trooper stopped along the road to deploy stop sticks. The subject drove into the median, struck the trooper, and continued to drive until his vehicle became stuck. The incident was captured on dash camera. The trooper received multiple injuries all over his body. Trained officers at the scene administered first aid to the trooper before he was transported to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his

injuries. The 42-year-old subject, who was later determined to be under the influence of marijuana, was taken into custody and charged with various offenses.

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Two officers with two different police departments in the Midwest were killed during a high-risk traffic stop on a subject with a known warrant in the afternoon on a spring day. The day before the incident, a police department captain—after speaking with a member of the subject’s family—sent an alert to officers advising of the subject’s active civil bench warrant, his declining mental status, advising that he regularly carried a firearm, and to use extreme caution if making contact with the individual. The next day, a 32-year-old officer observed the wanted subject driving in his vehicle. The officer verified the warrant status, and when it was confirmed active, she radioed for backup while she continued to follow the subject’s vehicle. A 23-year-old officer from a nearby agency radioed that he would serve as backup. The 32-year-old officer activated the emergency lights on her patrol vehicle, and the subject pulled his vehicle to the side of the road. The 23-year-old officer also pulled his patrol vehicle over, behind the other officer’s vehicle. The 32-year-old officer who initiated the stop opened the door of her patrol car and positioned herself between the door and the frame of the vehicle as she commanded the individual to show his hands. The individual opened the door of his vehicle armed with a 5.56x45 mm semiautomatic rifle and immediately fired on the officer. The 32-year-old officer fired two rounds from her service weapon at the suspect before he fatally shot her. Meanwhile, the 23-year-old officer who had provided backup had taken cover on the passenger’s side of his patrol vehicle while exchanging gunfire with the suspect. The backup officer, who had 1 year of law enforcement experience, fired nine rounds at the subject with his service weapon. The subject fired at least 10 rounds at the backup officer, who was wearing body armor. The officer was struck in the side of the head, the shoulder (upper torso) area, the front upper torso/chest, the rear lower torso/back, the front below the waist, arms and hands and fatally in the front of the head. The injured subject, who had been shot in the leg by one of the officers’ rounds, walked to his vehicle and was leaning on its hood when responding officers arrived. The 50-year-old subject, who had a previous arrest for domestic violence, then walked to the back of his vehicle and

collapsed. The subject died of his injuries. On the ground next to the subject, officers located an additional loaded firearm.

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On a spring evening, a 29-year-old deputy sheriff was killed while answering a call for service relating to a vehicle in a ditch. The deputy, who had nearly 3 years of law enforcement experience, radioed that she had arrived at the scene. Her body camera recorded the event. There was radio silence for a few minutes, then officers at the station heard an open mic but no voice transmission. Almost immediately, a citizen reported to dispatchers that shots had been fired at the same location where the deputy had responded. Additional officers from the victim deputy's agency responded to the scene. While on their way, they heard someone using the victim officer's radio to report an officer down. The driver of the vehicle in the ditch had shot the deputy, who was wearing body armor, in the front upper torso/chest with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. The round entered through the armhole or shoulder area of her vest. After being hit, the deputy was able to fire three rounds at the suspect; however, none of them struck him. The suspect fled the scene on foot to a nearby wooded area. Officers from multiple agencies set up a perimeter around the area to prevent the suspect from escaping. An officer from a nearby agency spotted the suspect and ordered him to stop and show his hands. However, the suspect ran, and two officers pursued him. During the foot chase, the suspect suddenly stopped running, turned and faced the pursuing officers, and fired a single shot at himself in the head. Emergency personnel arrived at the scene and pronounced the suspect deceased. They transported the victim deputy to a nearby hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The 34-year-old suspect was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident criminal history included charges for aggravated assault (excluding officers), sex offense, and weapons violation.

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In the late morning of a summer day, a 61-year-old deputy was killed during a prisoner transport assignment. The 38-year veteran deputy transported an inmate, who was

awaiting trial for murder charges, from an adult detention center to a hospital for medical attention. The deputy conducted the transport alone. While at the hospital, the deputy and the inmate had a verbal dispute, and the inmate threatened violence against the deputy. The deputy restrained the inmate with a metal belly chain and leg shackles, and he escorted the inmate to the transport van with the help of two hospital deputies. Unbeknownst to the deputy, the inmate removed the belly chain from around his waist during the ride to the detention center. Upon arrival at the detention center, the deputy opened the rear door of the van, and the inmate stepped out, holding the belly chain as if it were still attached around his waist. As the deputy turned to close the van doors, the inmate stepped behind him, leaped on the deputy, placed the belly chain around the deputy's neck, strangling him. Then, the inmate found the key to his handcuffs on the ground and used them to unlock and remove his handcuffs. The inmate got into the transport van and fled by driving through a closed gate and toward the campus exit. Deputies were in pursuit just as the van exited the campus, and the inmate crashed the van into a telephone pole, sustaining minor injuries. The 34-year-old inmate was arrested and charged with multiple offenses. Staff at the detention center performed life-saving measures on the victim deputy. He was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

## **Northeast**

In the spring of 2023, a 27-year-old officer with a law enforcement agency in the northeast died from injuries he sustained 2 months earlier while investigating a suspicious person. In the early afternoon, the officer, who had 4 years of law enforcement experience, had stopped a pedestrian due to suspicious activity in front of a school. The pedestrian fled on foot, and the officer initiated a foot pursuit. The pursuit lasted for several blocks until the officer tackled the pedestrian near a residence, and a struggle ensued. The individual withdrew a .38-caliber revolver from his waistband and fired four rounds at the officer from close range. All four rounds struck the officer in the front of the legs. The victim officer, who was wearing body armor, fired four rounds at the suspect from his service weapon. The suspect was struck in the front of the head, the

front upper torso/chest, and front lower torso/abdomen, killing him. The 24-year-old suspect was a known dealer of controlled substances who had a criminal history that included aggravated assault, assault on law enforcement (aggravated or simple), drug law violation, resisting arrest, and a weapon violation. He had been wanted by law enforcement for a misdemeanor warrant at the time of the incident.

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One late summer evening, a 34-year-old police officer in the northeast was killed when his police cruiser was struck by a vehicle fleeing a traffic stop. The veteran officer, who had 8 years of law enforcement service, and his partner were answering an unrelated call for service when a vehicle ran a redlight and collided with the officers' patrol vehicle at an intersection. Both officers were transported to a nearby hospital, where the 34-year-old victim succumbed to injuries. The other police officer sustained severe injuries. An 18-year-old suspect was arrested the next day and charged with multiple offenses. The suspect was on probation at the time of the incident.

## **South**

During a winter day in the south, a 49-year-old police officer was shot and killed while answering a call for service regarding a suspicious person at a public building. The police officer, who was a veteran of law enforcement with 15 years' experience, and his trainee were on a two-officer patrol when they received a call from dispatch stating that the staff at a public building were asking the officers remove an individual who was causing a disturbance. Around noon, the veteran police officer and his trainee arrived at the library to engage the individual, issuing a verbal advisement to leave the premises. The individual suddenly pulled a handgun from his pocket and shot the officer one time. The victim officer, who was wearing body armor, was hit in the front of his head. The trainee immediately returned fire, killing the suspect at the scene. The officers were wearing body cameras, which recorded the events. The victim officer was transported to the hospital and died from the gunshot wound more than 2 weeks after the incident.

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A 34-year-old senior police officer died from complications of a gunshot wound he incurred more than 2 years earlier during an unprovoked attack one evening in the south. At the time of the incident, the veteran officer, who had 8 years of law enforcement experience, and a passenger officer were on patrol in a marked police vehicle and stopped at an intersection. A pedicab drove by, and the passenger allegedly fired several rounds from a .40-caliber automatic handgun from the window, striking the senior police officer in the front of his head, well above his body armor. The passenger officer received minor injuries from shattered glass from the gunfire. Neither of the officers returned fire during the incident. The 44-year-old suspect fled on foot and was apprehended by responding units shortly after. The event was captured on a surveillance camera at the intersection at the scene of the shooting. The suspect was charged with Attempted First-Degree Murder.

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On a spring morning, a 64-year-old police officer was shot and killed during a hostage/standoff situation in the south. The officer, a 34-year veteran of law enforcement, responded to a residence as part of a special response team. The team was assisting in a hostage situation involving a noncompliant, armed subject who barricaded himself inside a residence with two people he allegedly kidnapped. At some point, the two hostages were able to escape. Responding officers, including the 64-year-old officer, had set up a perimeter around the residence. Several hours into the standoff, the suspect fired numerous rounds from a rifle from inside the residence; an unknown number of rounds penetrated the 64-year-old officer's body armor and struck him in the neck/throat and front upper torso/chest. Though officers rendered aid at the scene, the victim officer succumbed to his injuries after being taken by ambulance to the hospital. The 22-year-old offender, who was wearing body armor and possessed multiple weapons, was killed by officers at the scene.

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On a spring afternoon, a 35-year-old deputy was killed while conducting a traffic stop on an individual with a known felony warrant. The deputy, who had nearly 4 years of law enforcement experience, had been alerted by dispatch that the registered owner of a vehicle that was traveling through the deputy's county was wanted on a felony warrant. Shortly after, the deputy located the vehicle, which had darkly tinted windows, on a roadway and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. The deputy alerted dispatch of his location and the vehicle's license plate number. As the deputy, who was wearing body armor, approached the driver's side of the vehicle, the subject rolled down the window and fired one bullet from a handgun at him. The victim deputy was struck in the neck/throat. The subject fled the scene. The victim officer was transported to a nearby hospital; however, the officer succumbed to the gunshot wound a short time later. The 25-year-old subject was arrested and charged with various crimes.

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During a spring morning, a 44-year-old detective sergeant with a sheriff's office in the south was killed while assisting in the pursuit of a subject. In the early morning, an individual used a vehicle to flee from officers in a nearby jurisdiction. The individual temporarily stopped at an intersection, and officers attempted to negotiate with him to exit his vehicle. However, the subject suddenly sped away on a highway. Driving toward the patrol vehicle that the detective sergeant was operating, the subject rammed the detective sergeant's vehicle from the passenger side. The veteran detective sergeant, who had 24 years of experience in law enforcement, died from his injuries. The 33-year-old subject was arrested and charged with various offenses.

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During a late summer evening, a 30-year-old deputy was fatally shot in an unprovoked attack while on patrol. The deputy, who was a veteran of law enforcement with 8 years' experience, was sitting at a stoplight at an intersection in front of his assigned duty station. An individual drove up alongside the deputy's vehicle and used a .22-caliber

revolver to fire one shot. Although the deputy was wearing body armor, the round struck him in the side of the head. Citizens alerted the nearby sheriff's office for assistance, and the victim deputy was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The 29-year-old subject was arrested 2 days later in his residence where a .22-caliber revolver, additional firearms, and .22-caliber ammunition were recovered. The subject was charged with multiple offenses.

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A 56-year-old deputy, who was a veteran of law enforcement with 21 years of experience, was feloniously killed on a summer evening in the south when answering a call for service regarding an in-progress domestic violence incident. The incident was recorded by an in-car dash camera in the patrol vehicle. When the deputy arrived at the residence in a marked patrol car with lights and sirens activated, the subject rammed his vehicle into it. The deputy and subject exchanged gunfire. The deputy fired five rounds from a .223 caliber semiautomatic rifle, but none struck the subject. The subject fired four rounds from a 30-30-caliber lever-action rifle. One round fatally wounded the victim officer in the front of his head. Within seconds, another officer arrived and arrested the 42-year-old subject.

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On a spring night, a 31-year-old officer was killed with his own service weapon after responding to an alleged assault and disturbance at a residence. Upon arrival at the residence, the officer, who had 3 years of law enforcement experience, was immediately ambushed by an individual, who had allegedly already stabbed two victims. The officer used his electronic control weapon on the subject to no avail and then fired one round from his service weapon, which struck the subject in the front of his legs. The subject overpowered the officer and stole his service weapon, a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. The offender used the officer's weapon to fire eight shots at the officer, six of which struck him. The officer, who was wearing body armor, was wounded in the front of his head, neck/throat, and fatally in the rear of his head. Assisting officers responded and

arrested the subject. The offender, who was allegedly under the influence of ketamine and phencyclidine (PCP) at the time of the incident, was charged with multiple offenses. The incident was recorded by the victim officer's body-worn camera.

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On an early summer afternoon, a 37-year-old sergeant with the state police agency in a southern state died as a result of being shot and bludgeoned while trying to locate a suspect in a shooting that took place earlier that same day. As the 16-year veteran sergeant and another trooper drove their patrol vehicles, attempting to locate the suspect, they observed evidence that a vehicle—possibly belonging to the suspect—had exited the roadway quickly. Both officers veered and followed the roadway to its end, and then exited their patrol vehicles and proceeded on foot along a tree-lined dirt road. The road opened to a wide area with an abandoned structure. As the sergeant entered the open space, the suspect arose from a hidden position and fired a .30-30 lever-action rifle from a distance of about 20 feet, and a round hit the sergeant in the front lower torso/abdomen below his body armor. The second trooper took cover in a nearby ditch and returned 18 rounds of fire from his service weapon, although he could not see the exact location of the suspect. The trooper, who did not realize the sergeant had been shot, made his way back to his patrol vehicle to retrieve his ballistic plate carrier and a patrol rifle. He contacted dispatch and returned to look for the sergeant. Unknown to the trooper, the sergeant was prone in the roadway, and the suspect had allegedly shot him a second time in the shoulder/upper torso area. The suspect then approached the fallen officer and allegedly struck him repeatedly in the front of his head with the stock of the rifle. The suspect allegedly then stole the unconscious sergeant's firearm and magazines before fleeing. The sergeant was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital later that day. The 29-year-old suspect was located and arrested several hours later. At the time of the incident, he was allegedly under the influence of alcohol, amphetamines/methamphetamines, and synthetic cathinones, also known as bath salts.

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In the early morning hours of a fall day, a 38-year-old senior police officer was killed in the line of duty while responding to a barricaded/hostage situation. A victim called 911 to report being stabbed and requested help; the victim informed officers the subject, from whom she escaped, still had a knife, firearms, and two injured hostages inside a residence. Responding officers and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel located the victim, and the EMS took her to a local hospital. Officers responded to the residence, and the 38-year-old senior police officer, who had nearly 4 years of law enforcement experience, arrived in an unmarked vehicle to assist with the tactical situation. Based on the information provided by the escaped victim, officers decided it was necessary to force entry into the residence. Before entering the residence, officers announced themselves as law enforcement. Immediately after officers forced entry into the residence, the subject started shooting at officers with a 5.56x45-millimeter semiautomatic rifle. The officers backed out of the residence and did not return fire because of the reported hostages inside. They set up a perimeter around the residence and called for the assistance of a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. About an hour after officers first entered the residence, SWAT officers and other responding officers entered the residence. The subject began to shoot at SWAT officers, and they returned fire. The subject was wounded by gunfire and stopped shooting. Two officers were shot, and officers on scene removed the injured officers from the residence, and EMS transported them to a local hospital.

Officers located the hostages inside the residence; they were pronounced deceased on scene from fatal injuries. SWAT officers provided medical aid to the 35-year-old subject, who was wearing body armor, but he died at the scene. Officers located the subject's rifle, a second firearm with a suppressor, and a knife with a 4-inch blade.

The injured 38-year-old senior police officer, who was wearing body armor, sustained gunshot wounds to the front of his head, side head, upper torso/shoulder area, and front lower torso/abdomen. Despite on-scene first aid by trained officers, the officer succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. The other injured officer was treated at the hospital and later released.

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## **West**

On a summer evening, a police officer was killed in the line of duty while assisting other officers during a vehicular pursuit of a wanted subject. The 48-year-old veteran officer, who had 26 years of law enforcement experience, had pulled his marked patrol vehicle over on the side of a roadway to set up stop sticks. As the wanted subject neared the location of the officer, he veered his vehicle off the roadway and struck the officer with his vehicle. The subject's vehicle came to a stop about 200 yards from where the victim officer was struck. The 33-year-old offender stopped his vehicle as did the other pursuing officers. The subject exited his vehicle with a hatchet in hand and charged toward the two other officers. Both officers shot the offender, striking him. Officers assisted the struck officer with advanced first aid care at the scene; however, the officer later succumbed to his wounds. Despite the officers' attempted life-saving measures, the subject died at the scene.

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In the early morning hours in late fall in the West, a sergeant and a trooper with a highway patrol were killed after they were struck by a vehicle. The 37-year-old veteran sergeant, who had 10 years of law enforcement experience, and the 54-year-old trooper, who had nearly 5 years of law enforcement experience, responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle stopped on an interstate off-ramp. The officers, who were driving separate patrol vehicles, located the parked suspicious vehicle. Both officers parked their patrol vehicles on either side of the suspicious vehicle. As the sergeant and the trooper were standing along the road approaching the vehicle in question, they were struck by another vehicle that briefly activated its brakes but did not remain on the scene. Both officers were killed due to blunt force trauma. The incident was recorded by one of the officer's body cameras and also on an in-car dash camera. After some investigation, responding officers began looking for the suspect vehicle. Approximately 6 hours later, officers located a vehicle in a parking lot with major damage consistent with a vehicle versus pedestrian collision. An individual, who had allegedly been driving under the

influence of alcohol at the time of the incident, was interviewed and admitted to driving the vehicle that struck the sergeant and the trooper. The 46-year-old subject was arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

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On a winter's day in the late afternoon, a 30-year-old deputy with a county law enforcement agency on the West Coast was shot and killed. He was answering a call for service related to a domestic disturbance at a residence. The incident was recorded by the deputy's body camera, nearby closed-circuit television, and a cell phone. The deputy, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, had exited his marked patrol vehicle in the individual's driveway. The individual immediately opened fire on the deputy with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. The deputy exchanged gunfire with the subject for several minutes before additional deputies arrived. The subject fired 15 rounds at the victim officer from a distance of 10 feet. Three rounds struck the deputy. The deputy was injured in the front lower torso/abdomen, rear below waist/buttocks; arms/hands, and fatally in the lower torso. Despite the victim deputy's body armor, he was struck below the vest in the abdomen or lower back area. During the gunfight, the victim deputy fired 13 rounds from his service weapon. None of the rounds struck the subject. However, responding deputies fired 27 rounds at the subject, three of which struck him. The 42-year-old subject was allegedly under the influence of amphetamines/methamphetamines at the time of the incident. Nearly 2 months after the incident, the suspect was arrested and charged with various offenses. The victim officer was taken to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

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A 24-year-old police officer was shot and killed while investigating a trespassing situation during a late morning in winter. The police officer, who had nearly 2 years of law enforcement experience, was patrolling an area when he drove past a residence where an individual was attempting to open a gate to a front yard, and a female was

standing in the doorway of the home telling him to leave. The officer made a U-turn and returned to the residence to assess the situation.

As the officer arrived, a nearby person told the officer that the individual trying to open the gate didn't live there. The officer, who was wearing body armor, stepped out of his patrol vehicle and walked around the back of it to approach the individual. By this time, the individual had made his way inside the gate and into the front yard. As the officer approached, the subject raised a .223-caliber automatic rifle and shot the officer four times, striking him in the front lower torso/abdomen and front below the waist/groin area. Over his radio, the victim officer told dispatch that shots had been fired at his location.

Other officers from his department arrived and found the victim officer in the roadway with civilians rendering first aid. The victim officer described the offender—who had two visible, unique tattoos—to the assisting officers, and witnesses provided a description of the offender's clothing and the direction he fled in.

Multiple law enforcement agencies then arrived on scene and set up a perimeter around the area. About three blocks from where the incident occurred, a deputy patrolling the surrounding neighborhood located a subject who matched the tattoo descriptions but did not match the clothing description. The deputy detained the subject, and witnesses later positively identified him as the person who had shot the officer and fled the area. With the subject in custody, officers conducted a search of the surrounding area and found the subject's backpack, rifle, and original clothing hidden in several backyards. The victim officer was transported to a local medical center where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The 23-year-old subject was arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

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In the early hours of a summer morning, a 41-year-old police officer was killed



during a foot chase of a subject. Moments before the fatal incident, another officer had pulled a vehicle over for a traffic violation. As the vehicle stopped, two females exited, and the vehicle sped away. Officers began pursuit of the speeding vehicle but were ordered to terminate the chase by the on-duty sergeant. The fleeing subject continued to drive erratically, despite no longer being pursued, and crashed his vehicle into a light pole. The subject then fled on foot and ran in front of the 41-year-old officer's marked patrol vehicle as he arrived on the scene with lights flashing. The officer, who was wearing body armor, exited his patrol vehicle and pursued the subject on foot into an alley. The victim officer could be heard on his body camera, as well as the body cameras of other officers nearby, giving the subject commands to stop running and get on the ground. As he was fleeing, the 26-year-old subject allegedly withdrew a shotgun that was concealed and turned to the officer. The subject allegedly fired one round that struck the victim officer in the front of his head and face area. Two responding officers returned fire, and one round struck the subject in the back of his legs. After one of the responding officers used an electronic control device, the subject was taken into custody and charged with multiple offenses. The victim officer, who was a veteran of law enforcement with nearly 12 years of experience, was taken to a nearby hospital where he was airlifted to a medical center in a larger city. Despite extensive medical treatment, he died the next day due to the severity of his wound.

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On a fall afternoon in the west, a 50-year-old community parole officer was killed while attempting to contact an absconded parolee. The officer was a law enforcement veteran with 16 years of service. Three community parole officers arrived at a convenience store in two unmarked vehicles to approach the vehicle of a probation absconder suspected of using drugs. The subject's vehicle was parked facing the store, and he was sitting in the driver's seat. The officers parked their vehicles several feet behind the subject's and approached the vehicle. The 50-year-old parole officer, who was wearing body armor, approached the driver's side door from the back and opened it; seconds later, the other two officers approached the vehicle's passenger side from the back and opened the front passenger door. All three officers had their handguns drawn. Body camera footage

showed a brief verbal exchange between the 50-year-old parole officer and the subject at the driver's side door. Shortly after officers approached him, the subject drove forward then rapidly backed out of the parking space. This caused the 50-year-old parole officer to briefly become trapped between the open door and vehicle. As the subject continued in reverse, the 50-year-old parole officer was pulled under and trapped beneath the vehicle. The offender backed into the law enforcement vehicle, pulled forward and hit another car, then backed up again. The subject sped forward out of the parking lot and over a curb, dislodging the victim officer's body. The officer died a short time later from her injuries. The offender was later arrested by officers from another police department and charged with various offenses.

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A 43-year-old reserve corporal was killed while responding to a possible domestic disturbance situation on a spring evening in the west. As the corporal was responding to the call, he radioed dispatch and asked the subject's name. Dispatch operators answered with the subject's name and the information that the subject had fled the scene of the incident. The subject was known by law enforcement to be a drug user and possessor, violent offender, and gang member or affiliate. While driving, the reserve corporal found the subject and attempted a traffic stop. A short pursuit ensued after the subject failed to yield. During the pursuit, the subject returned to his residence, and the reserve corporal pulled into another area of the subject's property. Before the reserve corporal could exit his patrol vehicle or draw his duty weapon, the subject allegedly fired 4 rounds at the reserve corporal from 10 feet away. The reserve corporal was shot in the front upper torso, chest area, arms/hands, and fatally in the side of his head. Though the reserve corporal was wearing body armor, it was circumvented as the bullets entered between the side panels and armhole or shoulder area of the vest. The incident was captured on the victim corporal's body camera. The subject fled the scene and hid for 2 days before he was arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

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A 46-year-old sergeant was shot and killed in an ambush during a traffic stop late one morning in the fall. The sergeant's body camera and another vehicle's dash camera recorded the incident. The sergeant, a veteran of law enforcement with more than 10 years' experience, initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle because of reckless driving. When the sergeant exited his vehicle and approached the subject's vehicle from the driver's side, the driver got out of his vehicle and fired multiple rounds from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, approximately 6 feet from the officer. The sergeant was struck in the front upper torso/chest by a bullet that entered his protective vest between the side panels and suffered a fatal wound to his neck/throat. Additional officers responded to the area and located the suspect about a mile away from the shooting. The officers exchanged gunfire with the 44-year-old suspect, killing him. The suspect, who was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant, was allegedly under the influence of amphetamines/methamphetamines, opium/opiate, and fentanyl at the time. He had a criminal record that included charges for aggravated assault, drug law violation, and weapons violation.