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Brendan F. Kelly
Acting Director

Inspector William Scrima
Suffolk County Police Department
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Dear Inspector Scrima:

On August 23, 2019, the Illinois State Police (ISP) suffered a devastating loss when Trooper Nicholas Hopkins was tragically shot during the execution of a search warrant. Trooper Hopkins' death directly impacted his family, including his wife and young children, friends, and the men and women who served alongside him. Trooper Hopkins gave his life in service to others. He was an extraordinary officer who was dedicated to his unit, the ISP, and the citizens of Illinois. Trooper Hopkins will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Out of this tragedy came remarkable examples of human kindness. The ISP is grateful to acknowledge the presence of Officer Puentes at Trooper Hopkins' funeral. We are an agency steeped in tradition, duty, and a reliance on each other and the law enforcement community as a whole. Please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for the support of the Suffolk County Police Department as we honor the memory of Trooper Hopkins.

Respectfully,

Brendan F. Kelly
Acting Director