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Interim Superintendent Honors Outstanding CPD Officers at Monthly Department Commendation Ceremony

CHICAGO – Interim Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson presented awards today to outstanding officers at the Superintendent's Monthly Department Commendation Ceremony. The event serves to recognize officers who have distinguished themselves and the Chicago Police Department by their exemplary bravery and praiseworthy deeds.

Today's event was held at the Chicago Public Safety Headquarters, 3510 S. Michigan Avenue. Among the 261 awardees honored at this month's ceremony were:

A **Department Commendation** was presented to Officers of the **Area South Saturation Team**. Officers assigned to the Area South Saturation Team were on patrol in the vicinity of 122nd and Halsted when they heard gunfire. The officers were able to isolate where the shots were coming from, and proceeded to the 12100 block of South Lowe Avenue. Once on scene, officers observed three males firing handguns and rifles into the air. A short time later, the officers observed that the offenders were out of ammunition and capitalized on this opportunity to advance on the offenders. The offenders fled in several directions and a foot chase ensued. Through coordinated efforts and help from other Area South Saturation Team members, all three offenders were placed into custody. Several handguns and live ammunition were recovered. The offenders were charged accordingly.

A **Department Commendation** was presented to Sergeants **Robert Larson**, and **Ryan Fields**, Officers **Sonja Patrick**, **Tiffany Washington**, **Edyta Rodriguez** and **Sylvia Sanchez**. While on patrol, Sergeant Larson and Fields were dispatched to a call of a "Person Shot". The Sergeants broadcasted a detailed and accurate description of the offender over the police radio. Officers Patrick and Washington located and identified the subject based on the broadcasted description. The detained subject identified himself as the individual who was responsible for the shooting. Officers Rodriguez and Sanchez spoke with witnesses who positively identified the subject as the shooter. Subsequently, the subject was placed into custody. Further investigation revealed that the shooting occurred in the vicinity of the 11300 block of South Green Street and was domestic related. The offender was later charged with First Degree Murder.

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A **Department Commendation** was presented to Commander **John Salemme**, Sergeant **Richard Wisner**, Detectives **Earl Parks, J. Ghoston, E. Hefferan, Aileen O'Grady, Germaine DuBose** and **Patricia Christian**.

Commander Salemme, Sergeant Wisner, Detective Wisner, Detective Parks, Detective Ghoston, Detective Hefferan, Detective O'Grady, Detective DuBose and Detective Christian learned that an offender who was wanted for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault had been actively hiding from law enforcement. By collaborating with the Great Lakes Regional Task Force and the Fugitive Apprehension Unit, information was obtained which indicated that the offender may have been staying in Lafayette, IN. The Fugitive Apprehension Team members relocated to the offender's new place of residence and confirmed his identity. He was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

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