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### Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council honors two with law enforcement award

*Fort Wayne Deputy Chief, Terre Haute detective celebrated at awards banquet*

(INDIANAPOLIS. – December 11, 2018) – Two law enforcement officials were honored during the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council’s Award Ceremony, as special thanks for their exemplary work keeping their communities safe and helping their local prosecutors.

Garry Hamilton, Deputy Chief for the Fort Wayne Police Department, and Starla Neidigh, a violent crimes detective for the Terre Haute Police Department, were both given IPAC’s Law Enforcement Award during the ceremony that took place on December 3, during the IPAC Winter Conference.

Hamilton, currently Deputy Chief, has also served as Chief of FWPD. He started his law enforcement career in 1994, working his way up from patrol officer to robbery and homicide detective before being promoted to Sergeant and then Captain. When he took over as Chief of FWPD in 2014, he was the first African-American to hold that title.

“Garry commands the Investigative Support Division and was instrumental in assisting a task force of law enforcement officers in solving the 30-year old case of



Allen County Prosecutor Karen Richards and Fort Wayne Police Dept. Deputy Chief Garry Hamilton



Terre Haute Detective Starla Neidigh and Vigo County Chief Deputy Rob Roberts

April Tinsley,” said Allen County Prosecutor Karen Richards, who nominated Hamilton. “That case has haunted our community for three decades.”

Neidigh also received a Law Enforcement Award, in part because of her tenacious detective work in the homicide of Alice Anita Oswald. Rob Roberts, Vigo County’s Chief Deputy Prosecutor, said Neidigh had to resort to old school detective work when it was determined that the victim did not use a cell phone or credit cards. After several months of tracking down

leads, the suspect, Kenneth Pitts was found in a remote campground in Nevada.

“I have had the privilege of working on many cases with Detective Neidigh,” Roberts said. “Her tenacity and tireless pursuit to bring criminals to justice has served Terre Haute for decades.”

Both Hamilton and Neidigh are planning to retire in the coming months, both Richards and Roberts said they will leave irreplaceable holes with their departures.

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