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Dear

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you consider making a financial contribution to help fund a memorial in honor of the late Alexandria Sheriff's Deputy William G. Truesdale, who was tragically killed in the line of duty.

During the afternoon of January 27, 1981, Deputy Truesdale escorted Wilbert Lee Evans back to the old jail, located at 519 Princess Street, from a court appearance at our courthouse. Evans was a prisoner from North Carolina who voluntarily agreed to come to Alexandria to testify as a material witness against a defendant. It was later determined that Evans' willingness to testify was merely a ruse to create an opportunity to escape, if the opportunity presented itself during the transportation process.

As Evans, who was handcuffed to other prisoners, exited the transport van and began to walk up the steps to the jail, he managed to overpower Deputy Truesdale and remove the Deputy's revolver from its holster. Evans fatally shot Deputy Truesdale and freed himself by shooting off the handcuffs. He then ran from the scene and was apprehended a short time later hiding under a car in the 300 block of N. Washington Street.

Evans was convicted of capital murder and subsequently executed on October 19, 1990. Deputy Truesdale left behind a wife and three children. He is the only Deputy killed in the line of duty in the history of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office.

Upon assuming Office, I observed that little was done to appropriately memorialize the supreme sacrifice made by Deputy Truesdale. Efforts are currently underway to name the Adult Detention Center (jail) in his honor. We are also in the planning stage that will ultimately lead to a monument in Deputy Truesdale's honor being placed in front of the Public Safety Center, located at 2003 Mill Rd. (design attached). The cost to fund this unbudgeted project is estimated at \$16,000 to \$18,000.

No donation is too small and all are deductible from Federal income tax. Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria and mailed to Ms. Cindy Catlett at the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. A separate donation account has been created specifically for these contributions. Enclosed is a stamped envelope with our address for your convenience.

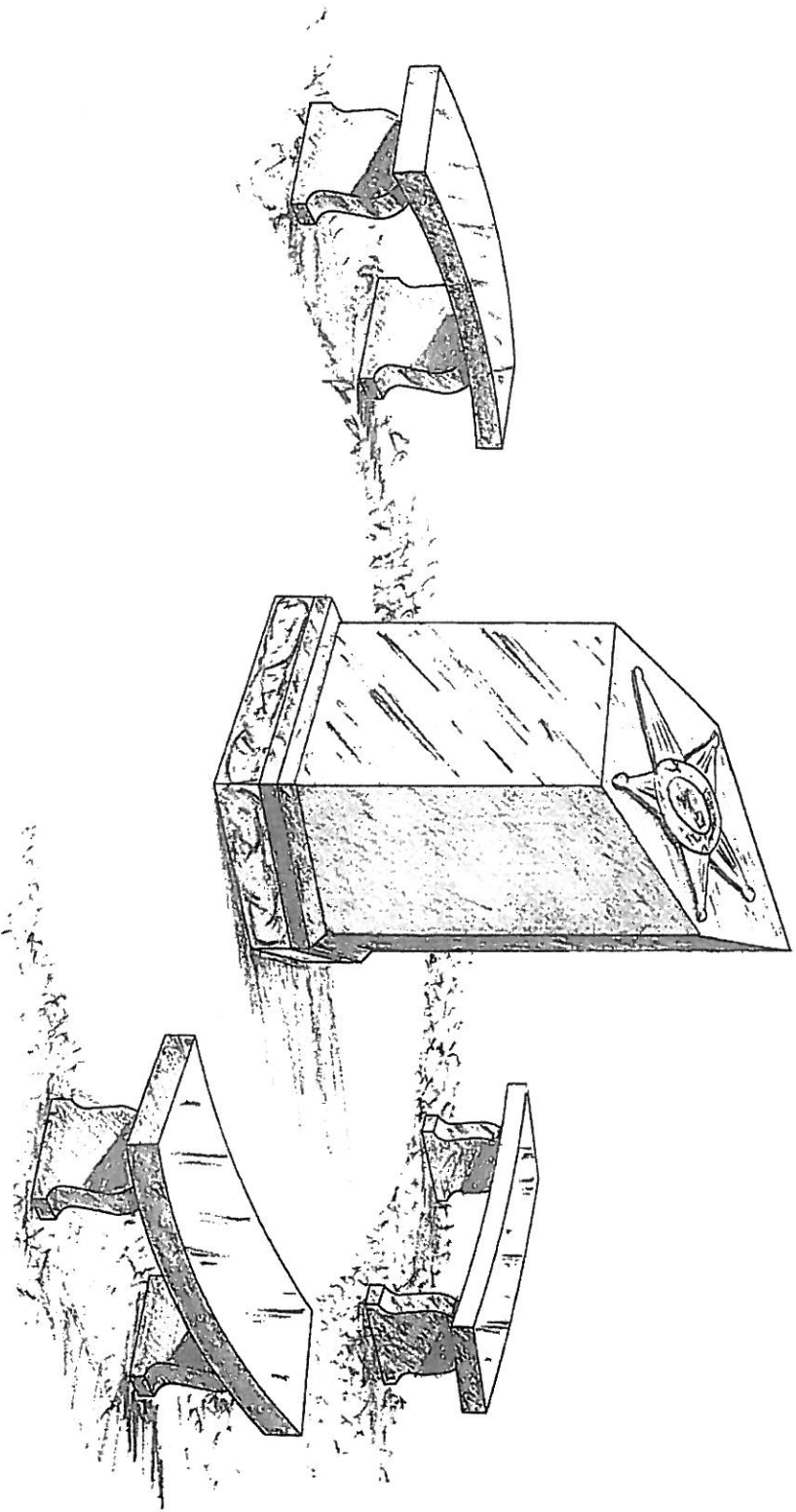
We plan to hold a dedication ceremony at the Public Safety Center on May 5, 2011. Mrs. Truesdale, now Mrs. Noyes, has already committed to being present with her children. Donors will be invited to attend and will be recognized.

I think it is fitting that this memorial be funded by the citizens Deputy Truesdale served and ultimately died protecting. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

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