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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF CHAMPAIGN POLICE OFFICER
CHRIS OBERHEIM**

Springfield — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued a statement following the death of Champaign Police Officer Chris Oberheim. Officer Oberheim died from injuries he sustained when responding to domestic disturbance call. A second Champaign police officer remains hospitalized.

"I offer my deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Officer Chris Oberheim. Officer Oberheim lost his life today serving his community, and we honor his bravery. May his memory be a blessing to those who knew and loved him.

"My thoughts are also with the officer who is still hospitalized. I pray for a swift recovery.

"These events should serve as a reminder to all that police officers go to work each day not knowing if they will return home to their families. I learned about this tragedy as I was meeting with federal and local prosecutors and other law enforcement authorities to focus on how we can collaborate to fight the increase of violent crime in central Illinois. We must recognize the courage and service of officers who are on the front lines of this effort, and we pray for their safety as they protect our communities."