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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ANNOUNCE ARREST FOR VANDALIZING OFFICER ELLA FRENCH'S MEMORIAL**

Downers Grove, IL – Illinois State Police (ISP) District 15 announce the arrest of Anna N. Kochakian, a 26-year-old female from Chicago, IL for Criminal Damage to Property – Defacement of a Police Memorial (Class 4 Felony).

On Aug. 19, 2021, at approximately 5:33 p.m., an (ISP) Protective Services Unit (PSU) Trooper on a routine foot patrol at the James R. Thompson Center was alerted that a police memorial honoring fallen Chicago Police Officer Ella French had been vandalized. The memorial featured a photograph of Officer French that was subsequently torn down, crumpled, and discarded in a trash can at a Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) “L” platform.

On Feb. 9, 2022, after a complete and thorough investigation, ISP agents obtained an arrest warrant for Criminal Damage to Property – Defacement of a Police Memorial (Class 4 Felony), against Kochakian by the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office. At approximately 10:00 a.m., District 15 Investigators and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) took Kochakian into custody at her residence. Kochakian was handcuffed by CPD utilizing the handcuffs belonging to Officer French’s partner, Officer Carlos Yanez, who was shot during the same incident where Officer French lost her life. Kochakian is in custody pending a bond hearing on Feb. 10, 2022. No further information will be disseminated at this time.

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