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## **STATE MOURNS LOSS OF DEDICATED OFFICER**

BISMARCK – North Dakota law enforcement lost one of its finest and most dedicated officers this weekend. Craig Bauer, 43, a Special Agent for the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, died of natural causes at his home in Minot over the weekend. Craig is survived by his wife, Sandra, two daughters and a son.

Craig began his career in law enforcement with the Carrington Police Department before joining the Office of Attorney General in 1992 as a Special Agent with the BCI. Craig quickly gained the respect of criminal justice professionals throughout the state, earning a reputation as a thorough and fair investigator. In 1999, Craig was awarded the agency's Meritorious Service Award for his extraordinary efforts exemplifying the best of public service. Craig recently graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy.

"The law enforcement profession is a difficult and demanding one. Craig was a skilled agent who was trusted to investigate some of the agency's most challenging and complex cases. His professionalism and expertise will be greatly missed," said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. "I am thankful to have known and worked with Craig Bauer, a truly dedicated Special Agent. Our sympathy goes to Craig's wife and children."

Funeral arrangements are with Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot.