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**ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE THEFT AUTHORITY TO HONOR 2004 AWARD
RECIPIENTS AT 3rd ANNUAL SUMMIT ON VEHICLE THEFT**

PHOENIX (May 12, 2005) The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA) announces 2004 award recipients to be honored as part of the agency's 3rd Annual Summit on Vehicle Theft scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at the Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa at 3800 W. Starr Pass Boulevard in Tucson, Arizona.

The awards ceremony, which takes place during the Summit luncheon from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., will honor the AATA's law enforcement, government, and private sector partners that have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and innovative approaches to combating vehicle theft in the State of Arizona.

The award recipients the AATA proudly recognizes include:

1. Detective George Hoke, Cochise County Sheriff's Office/Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force – 2004 Auto Theft Detective of the Year.
2. Officer Paul Sipe, Mesa Police Department – 2004 Patrol Officer of the Year.
3. Officer David Callister and Officer Dean McMains, Arizona Department of Public Safety – 2004 Patrol Officers of the Year.
4. Mr. Mark Anderson, Pinal County Attorney's Office – 2004 Vertical Prosecutor of the Year.
5. Mr. Bob Owens, National Insurance Crime Bureau - 2004 Special Agent of the Year.
6. Detective Dennis McNulty, Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force - 2004 Task Force Officer of the Year.
7. Ms. Holly Hosac, Mesa Police Department - 2004 Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year.
8. Ms. Joanne McLaughlin, Glendale Police Department – 2004 Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year.
9. Officer Eric Breindl, Officer Robert Cummins, and Sergeant Richard Maiocco, Phoenix Police Department – Desert Horizon Precinct – 2004 Watch Your Car Special Recognition Award.
10. Officer Michael Leifeste, Arizona Department of Public Safety – 2004 Special Recognition Award.

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11. Detectives Jerod Hanes and Dale Mace, Arizona Department of Public Safety – 2004 Special Recognition Award.
12. Mr. Andrew Luck, Allstate Insurance Company – 2004 Special Recognition Award.
13. Ms. Jean Lupa – 2004 Special Recognition Award.
14. Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force – Border Unit East - 2004 Law Enforcement Unit of the Year.
15. Glendale Police Department's Auto Theft Unit – 2004 Law Enforcement Unit of the Year.
16. Gilbert Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit - 2004 Public Awareness and Community Education Unit of the Year.
17. Safelite Auto Glass - 2004 Outstanding Private Sector Partner of the Year.

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