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**ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE THEFT AUTHORITY TO HONOR 2003 AWARD
RECIPIENTS AT 2ND ANNUAL SUMMIT ON VEHICLE THEFT**

PHOENIX (February 2, 2004) The Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA) announces 2003 award recipients to be honored as part of the agency's 2nd Annual Summit on Vehicle Theft scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2004 at the Scottsdale Radisson Hotel located at 7171 N. Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale, AZ.

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. Officer Steve Jones, Mesa Police Department, Deputy Jacob Nickell, Pima County Sheriff's Department, and Officer Steve Norlin, Arizona Department of Public Safety - 2003 Patrol Officers of the Year.
2. Ms. Susan Luder, Maricopa County Attorney's Office – 2003 Prosecutor of the Year.
3. Ms. Christi Billquist, State Farm Insurance Company - 2003 Special Investigator of the Year.
4. Detective John Bier, Tempe Police Department -2003 Task Force Officer of the Year.
5. Officer Jennifer Miller, Prescott Valley Police Department - 2003 Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year.
6. Officer Michael Schuh, Oro Valley Police Department – 2003 Watch Your Car Special Recognition of the Year.
7. Mesa Police Department's Auto Theft Unit – 2003 Law Enforcement Unit of the Year.
8. Prescott Valley Police Department's Support Services Division – 2003 Public Awareness and Community Education Unit of the Year.
9. Allstate Insurance Company - 2003 Outstanding Private Sector Partner of the Year.

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