

Manassas City Police Department
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Please see the attached releases from Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Washington Field Office regarding the renewed investigation of the 1984 death of Trooper Johnny Rush Bowman.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY RENEW INVESTIGATION INTO 30-YEAR-OLD MURDER OF VIRGINIA TROOPER

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Investigators from the Virginia State Police, Manassas City Police Department, and FBI along with the Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney have been involved in this case since 1984 and continue to diligently follow every lead. In 2005, Virginia State Police conducted a widespread media campaign asking for the public's assistance in recalling any details that could help to solve this case.

In August 2012, the FBI, Virginia State Police and Manassas City Police Department announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the murder of Trooper Bowman.

Law enforcement agencies are asking anyone with information to contact the Virginia State Police tip line at **703-803-2637** or e-mail their information to bci-fairfax@vsp.virginia.gov. Information may also be reported to the Manassas City Police Department Investigative Services Division at **703-257-8092** or Crime Solvers. The Manassas City Crime Solvers will pay a cash reward up to \$1000.00 for information that leads to an arrest in these cases. The confidential 24-hour tip line is **703-330-0330**. The FBI can be contacted at **1-800-CALL-FBI (1800-225-5324)**.

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