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Benefit Fund Established for Ron Johnson Family

(Pierre)- A fund has been established with Wells Fargo banks to benefit the family of Ronald Johnson, a correctional officer at the South Dakota State Penitentiary who was killed while on duty April 12th.

Donations to the Ronald E. Johnson Family Benefit Fund can be made at any Wells Fargo banking store nationwide. Wells Fargo made the first donation of \$1,000 to the fund.

“Officer Johnson was a dedicated public servant. His death was a tragic loss for his family and for the state of South Dakota,” said Dan Murphy, regional president for Wells Fargo in South Dakota. “We are honored to make this contribution in appreciation of the important work he did.”

Johnson was a 23-year veteran of the Department of Corrections.