



## **Detective Stephen Arnold End of Watch May 23, 2021**

Sheriff Joseph Lopinto regrettably announces the death of Detective Stephen Arnold. Detective Arnold was a 12 year veteran of JPSO having previously served as a Second District deputy and Narcotics detective. At the time of his injury, he was serving as a Detective assigned to the DEA Task Force.

During his time with JPSO, Detective Arnold was well-known and held in the highest regard by his peers. His commitment to serving our community was the standard we all strive to meet. He received several commendations for his service including two Distinguished Service Awards and an Award For Valor. He was awarded a Purple Heart at the time of his injury and will be posthumously awarded the JPSO Medal of Honor.

Detective Arnold was injured on January 26, 2016 as he and members of his task force served a warrant in the 3500 block of Douglas Street in New Orleans. As Detective Arnold and his team entered the residence, a suspect inside began firing on them. Detective Arnold was shot multiple times and rushed to the hospital to be treated. He has been under intense medical care since that day.

The suspect was arrested and eventually pleaded guilty to several charges related to the initial investigation and his shooting of Detective Arnold. He is currently serving a 35 year sentence in a federal facility.

### **The funeral services for Detective Stephen Arnold have been arranged as follows:**

Services will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the Jefferson Performing Arts Center, 6400 Airline Drive in Metairie. Visitation will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and will be followed by a memorial service at 12:00 pm.

The funeral procession is expected to leave the memorial at around 1:15 PM en route to the internment site at Greenwood Cemetery Mausoleum, 5200 Canal Blvd. in New Orleans. The procession is expected to proceed down Airline to I-10, enter I-10, and exit at City Park Avenue before proceeding north on Canal Blvd.

Graveside honors will be rendered at the Greenwood Cemetery Mausoleum at the conclusion of the procession, expected about 2:00 pm.

All times and routes are subject to change.