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POLICE OFFICER
JUAN ANDINO

40 Precinct

Officer Andino was shot and killed as he was questioning a man suspected of stealing a pair of eyeglass frames from a shop on June 15, 1984.

Officer Andino was walking his post, 3rd Avenue near 149th St. in the Bronx, when he was approached by a shopkeeper who informed him that a man had entered his store and taken a pair of eyeglass frames.

As Police Officer Andino and the storekeeper were walking back to the store so Officer Andino could take a report, the shopkeeper spotted the suspect. Officer Andino approached the suspect and had him accompany him back into the store so he could investigate the complaint.

While Officer Andino was questioning the suspect, the suspect attacked him and was able to gain control of his gun. The suspect then fired three rounds, two of which struck Officer Andino in the head. Another officer, who was walking a nearby beat, heard the shots and entered the store. She shot and wounded the suspect and, with the help of a third officer, took the suspect into custody. Officer Andino was removed to Lincoln Hospital where he died from his wounds.

The suspect was later convicted of 1st degree murder and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

On June 11, 1985, Police Officer Andino was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Police Officer Juan Andino was 39 years old and was a member of the New York City Police Department for 11 years. He was survived by his daughter, Johanna.