

# FALLEN FINEST

## **POLICE OFFICER IRMA LOZADA** Transit District 33



**P**olice Officer Irma Lozada was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a robbery suspect on Friday, September 21, 1984.

She was the first female police officer in the city's history to be killed in the line of duty.

Officer Irma “Fran” Lozada and her partner were in plainclothes patrolling the “L” Line when they witnessed a suspect snatch a piece of jewelry from an unsuspecting train passenger at approximately 4:00 pm. The officers gave chase but became separated. Officer Lozada's body was found three hours later in a vacant lot at Central Avenue and Chauncey Street in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn. She had been shot twice in the head with her own weapon while attempting to make an arrest.

The 19-year-old suspect was later apprehended, convicted of second degree murder, and sentenced to 32 ½ years to life in prison.

Police Officer Irma Lozada was 25 years old and served with the New York City Transit Police Department for four years. She was survived by her mother, Angela; and brother, James.

