

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM L. CHISOLM 45 Precinct

On Saturday, October 7, 1989, Police Officer William L. Chisolm was shot and killed during an altercation while off-duty.



Officer Chisolm and a female friend were sitting in his parked car in front of the Patterson Houses on 145th Street in the Mott Haven section of the South Bronx.

At approximately 1:45 am, the ex-boyfriend of Officer Chisolm's female friend approached the vehicle. An argument ensued, and Officer Chisolm was attacked by the suspect. During that altercation, the suspect was able to gain control of Officer Chisolm's service revolver and fire one shot, striking Officer Chisolm in the forehead. Officer Chisolm was taken to Lincoln Hospital where he died from his wound several hours later.

The 19 year-old suspect fled the scene, but later surrendered himself to police. He was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. He was paroled January 21, 2011.

Police Officer William L. Chisolm was 24 years old and served with the New York City Police Department for a little more than three years. He was survived by his parents, Arthur and Celestine; and his daughter, Chauntel.

