

FALLEN FINEST

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER ARMANDO ROSARIO 46 Precinct

On Wednesday afternoon, March 25, 1992, Auxiliary Police Officer Armando Rosario was shot and killed as he attempted to arrest a suspect who had just robbed an elderly man.



It was about 3:00 pm and Officer Rosario was off-duty and driving with a friend near the corner of Lafayette and Castle Hill Avenues, in the Union Port section of the Bronx, when they heard a man scream for help. Auxiliary Officer Rosario then observed an armed suspect rob a man who has just exited a bank and was getting into his car. Officer Rosario approached and then chased the suspect across Castle Hill Avenue into a dead-end courtyard between a church and a nursing home. When the suspect was cornered, he turned on Officer Rosario, drew a Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun and opened fire. Officer Rosario, struck twice in the chest and once in the leg, fell, mortally wounded.

He was removed to Jacobi Hospital where he later expired due to his injuries.

The suspect fled from the churchyard but people from the neighborhood followed him and saw him hide nearby in some bushes. They hailed a patrol car and minutes later, the suspect was apprehended by responding officers who also recovered the gun and the robbery victim's stolen property. The suspect was subsequently charged with murder, robbery, criminal possession of a weapon and criminal use of a weapon.

Auxiliary Police Officer Armando was 23 years old and volunteered service with the Auxiliary Police for a total of 4 years. He was survived by his mother and his brother.

