

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE RUSSEL TIMOSHENKO

71 Precinct

On Saturday July 14, 2007, PO Russel Timoshenko expired from gunshot wounds inflicted five days earlier on July 9, 2007 when he and his partner made a traffic stop.

The officers stopped a suspicious vehicle at the corner of Lefferts Avenue and Rogers Avenue in Brooklyn. Unknown to them, the vehicle was stolen and the occupants had committed several robberies and shootings in the prior days.

As the two officers approached the vehicle, one suspect opened fire with a handgun, striking Officer Timoshenko in the face. Another suspect fired on his partner striking him in the arm and chest. That officer was saved by his bullet resistant vest. Despite his wounds, he returned fire and radioed his location and a description of the vehicle. Members of the Brooklyn South Homicide squad responded in seconds and rushed Officer Timoshenko to Kings County Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The suspects fled, but ditched their vehicle about five blocks from the shooting scene, leaving behind their weapons and forensic evidence which led to the arrest of the driver the following day. Two days later, NYPD Detectives, Pennsylvania State Police, U.S. Marshals, and other agencies, arrested both suspects in Pennsylvania. All were charged with Aggravated Murder and other charges.

Over 30,000 people attended Officer Timoshenko's funeral where he was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective, First Grade. In June 2008, he was posthumously awarded the NYPD Medal of Honor.

Detective Russel Timoshenko served with the Department for 18 months and was almost 24 years old. He was survived by his parents; Leonid and Tatyana.

