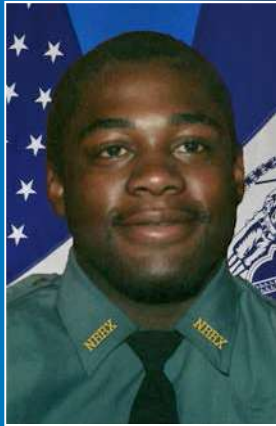


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## DETECTIVE MYRON PARKER Bronx Narcotics Unit

**O**n Thursday, August 20, 1987, Police Officer Myron Parker was struck and killed by a vehicle operated by an intoxicated driver after stopping to assist at an accident scene while off-duty.



Police Officer Parker was driving in his personal car on the Major Deegan Expressway, near Yankee Stadium with one of his brothers riding in the passenger seat. Ahead of them, they observed one vehicle collide into the rear of another. Officer Parker stopped his vehicle behind both cars and observed that the driver responsible for the collision was intoxicated.

Identifying himself as a police officer, Parker approached the vehicle and attempted to remove the keys from the ignition when suddenly the suspect sped off in an attempt to flee. The suspect accelerated northbound dragging Officer Parker and then attempted to dislodge Parker by striking his car against the Expressway's center divider several times. As the suspect continued to speed up, Officer Parker was thrown over the center divider and subsequently stuck by a southbound vehicle. Officer Parker was taken to a local hospital where he died from his injuries.

Officer Parker's brother pursued the suspect and was able to apprehend him after a one-mile chase. The suspect was later convicted of Reckless Endangerment and sentenced to seven years in prison. He was released from prison in 1992.

Police Officer Parker was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective by Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward.

Detective Myron Parker had served with the New York City Police Department for five years and he was 25 years old. He was survived by his parents, William and Estelle as well as several siblings.

