

FALLEN FINEST

SERGEANT JOHN F. MCCORMICK Bronx Narcotics



Sergeant John McCormick was accidentally shot and killed by a police bullet during a narcotics raid that became a shootout between two officers and a suspect on Wednesday, April 27, 1988.

Shortly before 1:00 pm, Sergeant McCormick, and four other officers, executed a search warrant for several pounds of cocaine in a suspect's fourth floor apartment on Sickles Street in the Inwood section of Manhattan. Several backup officers were posted around and atop the building.

As the raid commenced, the officers broke through the front door and were confronted by the female suspect who had retrieved a 38 caliber revolver. A struggle ensued for control of the weapon and the suspect, and two officers at the scene, all fired shots. Sergeant McCormick, who was standing in a doorway, was fatally wounded by one of the shots fired by the officers.

Sergeant McCormick died about an hour later at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

The suspect was also wounded in the exchange of gunfire and was subsequently charged with murder.

Sergeant John F. McCormick was 43 years old and served for 20 years with the New York City Police Department. He had planned to retire the following week. He was survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and his son, John, who continues his father's legacy by serving with the NYPD as a Detective, Second Grade.

