

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER G. HOBAN Manhattan North Narcotics

Police Officer Christopher Hoban was shot and killed during an undercover drug buy on Tuesday, October 18th, 1988.

Officer Hoban and his partner, along with two suspects, entered an apartment in a building on West 105th Street as a part of an undercover narcotics operation.



Upon entering the apartment, the officers met a 3rd suspect who was inside. During the operation, the three suspects began to suspect that Officer Hoban and his partner were police officers. When the suspects searched Officer Hoban's partner, they located his service weapon. Officer Hoban immediately pulled out his gun and a shootout ensued. One of the suspects was shot and killed but Police Officer Hoban was fatally injured by gunshot wounds to the head and chest. Officer Hoban was rushed to Saint Luke's Medical Center where he expired from his injuries.

Another suspect was immediately apprehended outside the apartment building while the 3rd suspect fled the scene. The 3rd suspect was arrested in San Juan, Puerto Rico by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 27th, 1988. Both were sentenced to serve 25 years to life in prison.

Police Officer Christopher G. Hoban had served with the New York City Police Department for 4 years. He was 26 years old. He was survived by his parents, Catina and Martin and two brothers, Thomas and Martin.

On the same night, less than 3 hours later, at approximately the same time Officer Hoban expired, Police Officer Michael Buczek was also shot and killed in the line of duty in a separate incident. Their funeral services were held jointly.

