

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER JEFF B. HERMAN 71 Precinct



On June 2, 1989, Police Officer Jeff Herman died of gunshot wounds sustained four days earlier after responding to a domestic violence call involving a dispute with a gun.

Shortly after midnight, on Tuesday, May 30, 1989, Officer Herman and his partner responded to the call at 250 Hawthorne Street in the Prospect Lefferts Gardens section of Brooklyn. A male suspect, arrested while kidnapping his ex-girlfriend earlier in the month, had been released and had returned to his ex-girlfriend's apartment in an attempt to get her to drop charges.

When the officers arrived, the ex-girlfriend was called to the apartment door to speak to them. As she approached, she was followed by the suspect who opened fire with a handgun and shot her in the back. The suspect then fired on both officers, striking Officer Herman three times and wounding his partner. Despite being injured, Officer Herman and his partner returned fire.

Officer Herman was rushed to Kings County Hospital by responding units, but despite battling his injuries for days, he expired on Friday, June 2.

The suspect fled the scene but six days later, he committed suicide after officers tracked him to an apartment in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn and were moving in to arrest him.

Police Officer Jeff B. Herman had served with the New York City Police Department for 5 years and was 25 years old. He was survived by his parents, Bebe and Jack; his sister, Jill; his wife, Irene and his son, Joseph.

