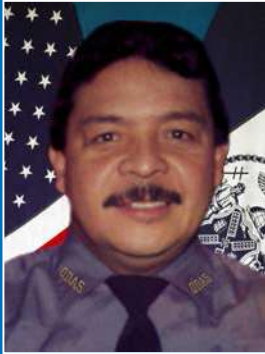


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DETECTIVES RICHARD J. GUERZON & KEITH L. WILLIAMS

Queens District Attorney's Squad



GUERZON



WILLIAMS

On November 13, 1989, Detective Richard J. Guerzon and Detective Keith L. Williams were shot and killed by a prisoner they were returning to Riker's Island.

At 11:30 am, the detectives picked up a prisoner at Riker's Island and brought him to the Queen's District Attorney's Office so a polygraph test could be administered. The prisoner was secured in a room, handcuffed to a steel bar and left unsupervised. During this time, the prisoner forced open a defective locker within his reach and stole a gun which he then concealed. The polygraph test was cancelled and the detectives were returning the prisoner to Riker's Island.

Shortly before 2:00 pm, as the detectives drove along the Grand Central Parkway near LaGuardia Airport, the prisoner produced the weapon and fatally shot both detectives from the rear. Detective Guerzon was struck twice and Detective Williams was struck three times. The prisoner then un-cuffed himself with the detectives' handcuff keys and fled.

The killer was apprehended several hours later hiding under a mattress in a vacant first-floor apartment of a house in the East New York section of Brooklyn. He was convicted of two counts of second degree murder and sentenced to 91 years to life. He will be eligible for parole in 2079.

Detective Guerzon, 46 years old, served with the NYPD for twenty years and was survived by his wife, Madeline; and his four sons, Richard, Mark, Christopher and Steven. Christopher became a Firefighter with the FDNY in 2014. Detective Williams, 35 years old, served with the Department for eight years. He was survived by his mother, Mazie; his wife, Rita; and their daughter, Tennille.

