

FALLEN FINEST

SERGEANT KEITH R. LEVINE Communications Division



Sergeant Keith Levine was shot and killed while off-duty as he tried to stop a robbery at a Bank ATM on Saturday, December 28, 1991.

At about 2:00 am, the off-duty Sergeant was driving along West 57th Street with two friends, when he saw a robbery happening at an ATM, visible through the window of a bank located at West 57th Street and Eighth Avenue in Midtown, Manhattan. From the car, Sergeant Levine observed a man and at least one other accomplice, a woman, attempting to rob a male victim at gunpoint in the location.

Sergeant Levine, who was in the backseat, got out of the car and pursued the male suspect while the female suspect fled and escaped in the confusion. Midway toward Ninth Avenue, Sergeant Levine caught up to the suspect who then shot Sergeant Levine twice. Mortally wounded in the chest and abdomen, Sergeant Levine discharged three rounds but did not hit his assailant who fled.

Sergeant Levine was taken by ambulance to Bellevue Hospital, where he died an hour later.

The suspect was eventually caught, convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 15 years to life. Requests for his parole have been repeatedly denied. At the time of the shooting, he had just served 11 years in prison for two manslaughter convictions and was out for only a few days.

Sergeant Keith R. Levine served with the New York City Police Department for 6 ½ years; he was 27 years old. He was survived by his father, Michael who is a retired DEA agent; his mother, Liana; and his sister, Nicole.

