

# FALLEN FINEST

## POLICE OFFICER HILARIO A. SERRANO 43 Precinct

**P**olice Officer Hilario Serrano was shot and killed when two men tried to rob him while he was off duty on Friday, January 31, 1992.



At approximately 8:30 pm, Officer “Larry” Serrano was in an elevator with his girlfriend, at his mother’s apartment building on Andrews Avenue in the Morris Heights section of the Bronx. Two male suspects entered the elevator, and attempted to rob the couple. Within an instant, a close-combat gunfight erupted between the Officer Serrano and the two suspects as the elevator climbed to the fourth floor. The shooting continued as the elevator doors opened. Officer Serrano was shot in the face, back and foot but despite being mortally wounded, Officer Serrano was able to shoot and wound both suspects. The perpetrators then fled taking Officer Serrano’s firearm with them.

Officer Serrano was rushed to Lincoln Hospital where he expired from his injuries a little more than one hour later.

Both suspects were apprehended and charged with murder. One suspect committed suicide two months later, and the other was later convicted of murder.

Police Officer Hilario Serrano began his career helping New Yorkers as a member of the Guardian Angels. He then became an Auxiliary Police Officer for four years before serving as a fully sworn member of the New York City Police Department for six years. He was 29 years old. Officer Serrano was survived by his mother, Ana; his father, Angel; and his brothers, Jose and Antonio.

