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## **POLICE OFFICER JOSE A. PEREZ** Brooklyn South Task Force

**P**olice Officer Jose Perez was killed in a vehicle accident while responding to a call for assistance from fellow officers on Wednesday, April 27, 1994.

As part of an increased police presence in and around Prospect Park in Brooklyn, Officer Perez was on patrol, driving a police van and accompanied by his partner who was in the passenger seat.



At about 1:00 am, members of the 78th Precinct Anti-Crime Team called for additional officers to respond as they pursued six suspects from an assault and robbery which occurred just outside the Park in the Park Slope section. While responding, Officer Perez's patrol van collided with another patrol car that was also responding to the same call for assistance. The force of impact caused the van to strike several parked cars, mount the curb and collide into a stone retaining wall along the perimeter of the park.

Officer Perez was taken to Methodist Hospital, where he died from the injuries he sustained.

On September 13, 1995, Police Officer Perez was posthumously awarded the New York City Police Department's Purple Shield Medal at the Medal Day ceremony held at Police Headquarters. This was the inaugural year for the Purple Shield.

Police Officer Jose A. Perez was 28 years old and served with the NYPD for 3 years and 6 months. He was survived by his wife, Nancy; his children, Samantha and Damali Jo; his parents, Miriam and Jose; his brothers, Alex and Pedro; and his sisters, Soraida, Miriam, and Alba.

