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DETECTIVE ALFRED T. BOESCH Housing Narcotics Enforcement Unit

Detective Alfred T. Boesch suffered a fatal heart attack while executing a search warrant in a Queens housing complex on Saturday, January 21st, 1995.



Detective Boesch and other members of his team, were assigned to execute a warrant at a residence in the Astoria Houses, in the Long Island City section of Queens and were to breach the apartment door with a hydraulic door breaker. At about 5:45 am, Detective Boesch, who was wearing a heavy vest, carried the power supply for the door breaker to the 3rd floor hallway. When the order was given to take down the door, Detective Boesch bent down to turn on the door breaker, collapsed onto the floor and went into cardiac arrest.

Paramedics at the scene could not revive him, and he expired a short time later at Western Queens Hospital.

On September 25, 1996, at the NYPD Medal Day ceremony, Detective Boesch was posthumously awarded the New York City Police Department's Purple Shield Medal.

Detective Alfred T. Boesch had served with the New York City Housing Authority Police Department for almost 11 years and was only 2 weeks away from his 33rd birthday. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; their two sons, Brendan and Dylan; his parents, Marguerite and John; and his brother, John who retired from the NYPD as a Sergeant, Special Assignment.

