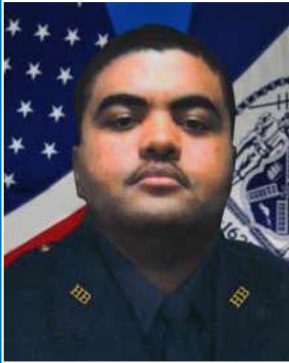


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POLICE OFFICER GERARD L. CARTER

Patrol Borough Staten Island - Housing Unit



Five year veteran and resident of Staten Island, Police Officer Gerard Carter died on July 31, 1998 after being shot days earlier while looking for a parolee for whom there was a warrant.

On Sunday, July 26, 1998 at approximately 9:40 pm, Officer Carter and his partner were on patrol in a marked police van outside of a housing development. A male who was wanted for questioning about a homicide committed several days earlier approached the van and fired through the windshield, striking Officer Carter in the temple. Officer Carter's partner was able to return fire, but did not hit the suspect.

An intense all night manhunt ensued which ended in a standoff between police and the 17 year-old armed suspect barricaded in an apartment's closet in one of the complex's buildings. He was arrested and later sentenced to 25 years to life following a plea agreement. At the time of the incident, the perpetrator was on parole for a manslaughter conviction after he beat a man to death during a fight.

Officer Carter died on July 31, 1998 after being in a medically induced coma following the shooting.

Police Officer Gerard L. Carter was 28 years old and had served with the Police Department for almost 5 years. He was survived by his mother, Martha; his son, Louis; and his brother, Keith.

