

FALLEN FINEST

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS EUGENE MARSHALIK & NICHOLAS PEKEARO 6th Precinct



MARSHALIK



PEKEARO

Auxiliary Police Officers Eugene Marshalik and Nicholas Pekearo were shot and killed on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 while following a killer who had just murdered a pizza shop employee.

A male entered a pizza shop on West Houston Street in the Greenwich Village section of Manhattan. He asked for a menu, and then shot the employee in the back fifteen times after the man turned around.

Officers Pekearo and Marshalik, both unarmed and on foot patrol in the area, heard the suspect's description transmitted over the radio. They spotted him on the corner of Sullivan and Bleecker Streets at about 9:30 pm. The officers ordered the killer to drop a bag he was holding which contained over 100 rounds of ammo and a gun. The killer complied, but then punched Officer Marshalik in the face, knocking him to the ground. The killer then fled on foot, with both officers following. Suddenly, he drew a second firearm, and opened fire on the officers, who were on the opposite side of Sullivan Street. Officer Pekearo took cover behind a parked car, but the killer ran up behind him and shot him six times. The killer then observed Officer Marshalik attempting to take cover across the street. He approached Officer Marshalik and shot him once in the head.

Both officers were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital but did not survive their injuries.

Responding officers opened fire on the killer, who again fled into a store. He then exited the store and opened fire. He was shot and killed in the ensuing gun battle.

Auxiliary Officer Eugene Marshalik served with the NYPD Auxiliary Police for three years and was only 19 years old. He had previously served with the United States Army. He was survived by his parents, Boris and Maya; and his brother, Max.

Auxiliary Officer Nicholas T. Pekearo, 28 years old, served four years with the Auxiliary Police. He was survived by his mother, Iola; and his brother, Christopher; and his sister, Kelly.

