

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE FERMIN "SONNY" ARCHER Warrant Section



Detective Fermin "Sonny" Archer died from injuries he sustained in an automobile collision which occurred while he was on duty on Friday, June 17, 2011.

Detective Archer went home after the collision. He began to feel ill while at home and went to North Shore Hospital for an exam. There it was discovered that he suffered a torn aorta and he was admitted to the hospital, where he remained until passing away on Monday, July 13, 2011.

Detective Fermin Archer joined the New York City Transit Police Department in July 1985, and began his career in Transit District 3. He also served in Transit District 2, the Warrant Section, the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Operations; the Police Commissioner's Office, the New York County District Attorney's Office, and the Warrant Section's Regional Fugitive Task Force.

He was promoted to Detective in December 1990; Detective, Second Grade in December 1995; and Detective, First Grade in December 2000. Detective Archer, a 1991 Combat Cross recipient, made more than 100 arrests during his career. He was also recognized twice for Excellent Police Duty, once for Meritorious Police Duty, and is the recipient of a Commendation. On Tuesday, June 11, 2013, Detective Archer was posthumously awarded the NYPD Purple Shield medal.

Detective Fermin Archer was 48 years old and served the NYPD for 26 years. He was survived by his father, Fermin Sr.; his wife Amanda; and his four children: Orlanzo, Fermin III, Tiffany and Angel.

