

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER SCOTT A. GADELL

101 Precinct

Police Officer Scott A. Gadell was fatally shot during a gunfight with an armed suspect on the afternoon of Saturday, June 28, 1986 in Far Rockaway, Queens.



Officer Gadell and his partner were on patrol in their sector car when a male waved them over and stated that he was being chased by a man with a gun who had just shot at him twice.

After a brief canvas of the area, the officers spotted the suspect, exited their vehicle and a foot pursuit began.

When Officer Gadell reached an alley behind a rooming house, the gunman, crouching in a recessed basement entry, opened fire. Officer Gadell immediately returned fire while seeking cover.

The gunman fired a total of nine shots from his 9-millimeter semi-automatic gun. Officer Gadell fired all six bullets in his .38-caliber revolver and was reloading - and momentarily vulnerable - when he received a fatal shot to the head.

Police Officer Scott A. Gadell was nearly 23 years old and had served the New York City Police Department, with distinction, for almost 2 years. He is survived by his father, Richard; his brother, Jeff and his sister, Fonda.

