

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER CHARLES A. DAVIS Manhattan Warrant Squad

On Saturday, December 21, 1996, Officer Charles A. Davis was shot and killed during a robbery while working an off-duty employment.



Police Officer Davis was working a security job at a check cashing store on Astoria Blvd. in the East Elmhurst section of Queens. As the store was being opened, just after 7:00 am, Officer Davis and the businessman who owned the establishment were ambushed by armed suspects and forced inside. There had been two other robberies of check-cashing businesses in Queens the previous week. Once inside, the robbers fatally shot Officer Davis and the owner multiple times. Although Davis was rushed to Elmhurst Hospital Center, he did not survive.

Police Officer Davis was one of the original officers in the New York City Police Department's Community Policing Program.

On September 18, 1997, Officer Davis was posthumously awarded the New York City Police Department's highest award; the Medal of Honor.

Police Officer Charles A. Davis was 38 years old and served with the New York City Police Department for 8 years and 10 months. He was survived by his sisters, Theresa and Joyce; his daughter, Arielle; and his wife, Angela, who served as an assistant district attorney in Manhattan and was on the team of prosecutors that won a murder conviction in the October 17, 1989 death of Officer Anthony Dwyer.

