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## DETECTIVE LOUIS L. MILLER, JR.

70 Precinct - Neighborhood Stabilization Unit

**D**etective Louis L. Miller was shot and killed while investigating a call of a burglary in progress on Wednesday, March 11, 1987.



Detective Miller was a field training officer and was riding with three of his trainees. Shortly before noon, they met up with two 70 Precinct Anti-Crime officers in front of 816 Ocean Avenue in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn at the scene of a reported burglary. In an effort to close any opportunities of escape, Detective Miller directed two officers to the roof of the building and two officers to the 5th floor, where the crime was taking place. Detective Miller, and one of the anti-crime officers, rode the elevator to the 4th floor with the intention of walking the last flight of stairs. When the elevator doors opened they observed two men standing in the hallway. As they began to question the men, the men attempted to flee and a violent struggle ensued. One of the suspects drew a revolver and opened fire, striking both officers. Despite being injured, both officers were able to return fire and wound both suspects. One suspect collapsed on the third landing, fatally injured.

Detective Miller was rushed to Kings County Hospital but expired within the hour.

The other suspect, fled the building and entered a car. He was spotted by an officer responding to the 10-13 call, and she broadcast the vehicle description over the radio. Other officers on patrol spotted the vehicle. They apprehended the wounded suspect and recovered his firearm following a vehicle pursuit. The perpetrator was later convicted of second degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison, where he later died.

On June 7, 1988 Detective Miller was posthumously awarded the NYPD Medal of Honor.

Detective Louis L. Miller, 60 years old, served with the NYPD for nearly 34 years and had trained over 2,000 officers in his 15 years as a field training officer. He was survived by his wife, Veronica; and his step-son, Daniel.

