

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER JOHN WILLIAMSON Police Service Area #6



Police Officer John Williamson was killed when a person threw a 30-pound bucket of spackling compound from the roof of a six story building onto his head.

On Friday, October 8th, 1993 at approximately 10:00 pm, Officer Williamson responded to the street disturbance on West 175th Street in the

Washington Heights section of Manhattan. Several area residents had become loud and aggressive in a dispute with police officers already on the scene and their behavior caused a crowd to form.

Police Officer Williamson assisted in dispersing the crowd and as he walked back to his patrol car, a suspect hurled a large white bucket containing plaster material from a roof which struck him in the head.

Officer Williamson was removed to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital with severe head trauma where he expired.

The suspect initially fled to Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey before flying from Newark Airport to the Dominican Republic. He returned to New York and was charged with murder. The jury acquitted him of murder but found him guilty of manslaughter.

Police Officer John Williamson had served with the Police Department for three years and was 25 years old. He was survived by his parents, John and Catherine; his sister, Nancy and his brother, Paul.

