

FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER SEAN A. MCDONALD

44 Precinct



Police Officer Sean McDonald was shot and killed while attempting to arrest two suspects for the robbery of a clothing store on Tuesday, March 15, 1994.

At about 7:30 pm, Officer McDonald, who had been guarding a condemned building on the corner of Edward L. Grant Highway and Shakespeare Avenue in the High

Bridge section of the Bronx, was alerted to suspicious activity in a nearby clothing shop. Walking into the store to investigate, he confronted two robbery suspects. After frisking one and while attempting to frisk the other, both suspects attacked Officer McDonald. One of the suspects drew a firearm and fired at Officer McDonald striking him at least five times in the neck, torso and arm. Officer McDonald stumbled from the fusillade of bullets outside to the street and radioed for assistance before collapsing.

He was rushed to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center where he died a short time later.

The suspects fled the scene but were in custody within 48 hours. Both suspects were convicted of second degree murder and armed robbery and sentenced to 25 years to life. They will be eligible for parole in 2018.

Police Officer Sean A. McDonald, 26 years old, was a US Army veteran and served with the New York City Police Department for 1 year and 8 months. He was survived by his wife, Janet; his children, Jessica, Sean and Kerry; his father, John; and his brother, Andrew who also served the NYPD and retired as a detective.

