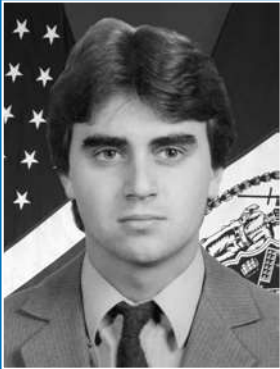


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POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY W. SANCHEZ 13 Precinct



On Monday, May 19, 1997, Police Officer Anthony Sanchez was shot and killed after responding to a robbery in an apartment complex.

At approximately 12:30 am, police received a report of an armed home invasion robbery on the 10th floor of a building on West 17th Street in the Chelsea section of Manhattan.

Several units responded to the scene and proceeded to search various areas of the building. Officer Sanchez searched an interior stairwell and encountered the suspect between the 9th and 10th floors. A gunfight ensued as the suspect tried to escape. Officer Sanchez was shot in the base of the neck and the bullet traveled down through his body.

Mortally wounded, Officer Sanchez attempted to make it out of the building but collapsed on the 3rd floor.

The suspect was also shot by Officer Sanchez and wounded. He was apprehended hiding in the basement of the building.

Officer Sanchez was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital but did not survive.

On January 15, 1998, the suspect was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for the murder of Officer Sanchez. The suspect died in prison in 2002.

Police Officer Anthony W. Sanchez was 31 years old and served with the NYPD for 10 years. He was survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his son, John; his parents, Loretta and Antonio, and his siblings, Michael and Laura.

