

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVES FIRST GRADE ROBERT L. PARKER & PATRICK H. RAFFERTY 67 Precinct Detective Squad



PARKER



RAFFERTY

Detective Patrick Rafferty and Detective Robert Parker were shot and killed when they attempted to arrest a suspect on a domestic violence complaint on Friday, September 10, 2004.

The mother of a suspect, whose case the detectives were working on, called and informed Parker and Rafferty that her son had returned home and was attempting to take her car.

The detectives responded and intentionally drove the wrong way down East 49th Street, between Snyder and Tilden Avenue to box in the auto that the suspect was in. While attempting to make the arrest, a violent struggle ensued. The suspect gained control of Det. Parker's 9mm service weapon and fired, striking both detectives in the chest. Det. Rafferty returned fire, wounding the suspect in the leg. Det. Parker called 911 from his cell phone and identified the shooter. He also identified the suspect to the first responding officers and directed them to the suspect's photo that was in his police vehicle.

The suspect fled after carjacking a woman. He was caught less than two hours later, several blocks away when a citizen called 911 to report a suspicious man in his building.

Detectives Rafferty and Parker were taken to Kings County Hospital where they died from their wounds. The suspect was convicted of first degree murder after a trial in which he claimed that he shot the detectives in self-defense. He was sentenced to two life terms with no possibility of parole.

Both detectives were posthumously awarded the NYPD's Medal of Honor. Detective Parker had served with the NYPD for 22 years, and was survived by his daughter, Haadiyah. Detective Rafferty had served with the Department for 15 years, and was survived by his wife, Eileen; and three children; Kara, Kevin and Emma.

