



Patrolman Michael Melchiona
New York City Transit Police Department
New York

End of Watch: Saturday, February 28, 1970

Biographical Info

Age: 29

Tour of Duty: 4 years

Badge Number: 3148



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: Saturday, February 28, 1970

Weapon Used: Handgun

Suspect Info: Shot and killed

Patrolman Melchiona was shot and killed during a foot pursuit.

Patrolman Melchiona was on foot patrol when he encountered a suspect in the bathroom at IRT station at 50th and Broadway. The suspect was smoking a cigarette. Patrolman, Melchiona asked the suspect identification, with the intention of issuing him a summons for smoking in the transit system.

The suspect pulled a .22 caliber handgun and held it to Patrolman Melchiona's head, ordering him to walk out of the bathroom. When they exited the bathroom, the suspect had Patrolman Melchiona lie down. The suspect then disarmed him. The suspect then fled with Patrolman Melchiona in pursuit.

Another Patrolman saw the suspect fleeing on foot and joined the pursuit. The suspect jumped into a cab and ordered the driver to drive. Patrolman Melchiona continued to chase the suspect on foot. The suspect then pointed his gun out the window of the cab and fired, hitting Patrolman Melchiona in the head, killing him.

The other Patrolman continued the chase and fired multiple shots at the fleeing taxi cab, killing the suspect.

Officer Melchiona had been with the agency for four years and was assigned to Transit District 1. He was survived by his wife and two young children

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