



**Police Officer Joseph Keegan**  
**New York City Transit Police Department**  
**New York**

End of Watch: Thursday, June 19, 1980

**Biographical Info**

**Age:** 40

**Tour of Duty:** 15 years

**Badge Number:** 2639

**Incident Details**

**Cause of Death:** Gunfire

**Date of Incident:** Friday, June 13, 1980

**Weapon Used:** Officer's handgun

**Suspect Info:** Charged with murder

Police Officer Joseph Keegan was shot and killed with his own gun while attempting arrest a fare evader at the Columbus Circle subway station. Officer Keegan was patrolling the Columbus Circle subway station when he observed a fare evader. When he attempted to arrest the suspect, a struggle ensued. The suspect gained control of Officer Keegan's handgun and shot him in the head.

The suspect was arrested in Central Park later in the day during a massive manhunt. He was later convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Officer Keegan was assigned to Transit District 1 and had served with the New York City Transit Police Department for 15 years. He was survived by his fiancée, daughter, mother, two brothers and two sisters.

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