

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVES FIRST GRADE JASON RIVERA

32 Precinct



RIVERA



MORA

On Friday, January 21, 2022, then-Police Officer Jason Rivera was shot and killed while investigating a domestic dispute incident. One of his two partners that evening, then-Police Officer Wilbert D. Mora, was also shot and expired from his injuries on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

The officers responded to a call from a mother who complained that she was involved in a verbal dispute with one of her two sons. Officers Rivera and Mora, along with a third officer, arrived at an apartment on 135th Street in the Harlem section of Manhattan at approximately 6:15 pm. The officers proceeded to interview the mother and her younger son, while her older son, with whom she was arguing, remained in a rear bedroom. When Rivera and Mora attempted to interview the older son, he ambushed the officers by bursting from the bedroom and firing multiple times. Both officers were struck. The third officer returned fire, gravely injuring the gunman and preventing any further carnage. Days later, the suspect died of his injuries. It was later determined that besides his handgun, the perpetrator also had an assault rifle hidden in his room.

Both officers were quickly removed to Harlem Hospital where Officer Rivera succumbed to his injuries. Officer Mora, critically wounded, remained in a coma and expired four days later.

Police Officer Rivera was posthumously promoted to Detective First Grade by Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell at the funeral services on January 28, 2022.

Detective Jason Rivera, an avid runner and baseball player, was 22 years old and served with the NYPD for fourteen months. He was survived by his wife, Dominique; his parents Daniel & Anna; and his brother Jeffrey.

