

FALLEN FINEST

DETECTIVES FIRST GRADE WILBERT D. MORA

32 Precinct



MORA



RIVERA

On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, then-Police Officer Wilbert D. Mora expired from gunshot injuries he sustained days earlier while investigating a domestic dispute incident. One of his two partners that evening, then-Police Officer Jason Rivera, was shot and killed during the occurrence.

On Friday, January 21, 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 Mora and Rivera, 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 Mora and Rivera 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 Mora was posthumously promoted to Detective First Grade by Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell at the funeral services on February 2, 2022.

Detective Wilbert D. Mora, who immigrated to the United States as a child, was 27 years old and served with the NYPD for over 3 years. He was survived by his parents, Badui & Amalia; and his siblings, Wilson, Karina and Jonathan.

