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MURDER OF LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER INFORMATION WANTED

On September 9, 1972, at 0430 hours, an off-duty Los Angeles Police officer was driving his private vehicle near the intersection of National and Sawtelle Blvds. At the northwest corner of this intersection, the officer observed a possible burglary suspect loitering near the Thrifty Drug Store. He observed the suspect for several minutes, then circled and parked his vehicle in the service station at the southwest corner of the intersection to keep the suspect under surveillance.

The officer attempted to call for police assistance from the pay phone on the service station lot. He was talking to the operator when the suspect, apparently alarmed by a vehicle which stopped nearby, ran southbound across National Blvd. The officer immediately ran in pursuit of the suspect prior to completing the call for assistance. He pursued the suspect westbound to an extremely dark parking lot at the rear of 11316 National Blvd. Upon entering the parking lot, the officer was attacked by one or more **additional** suspects and was shot twice through the left leg. The officer fired one shot from his service revolver at the suspect who was still running across the parking lot. He could not see the other suspects and was unable to determine how many attacked him.

The police officer died as a result of injuries suffered in this incident on March 3, 1973, at 1304 hours. At the present time, the Los Angeles Police Protective League is offering $10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this crime.

SUSPECT:

Male, unknown descent, dark hair, 6', thin build, 20/30 years old, shoulder-length hair, dark clothing. NFD on any other suspects. (Officer's description of suspect he chased).

WEAPON:

Unknown type, probably a .22 or .25 caliber. No bullets or cartridge cases recovered.

VEHICLE:

None observed.

Refer to: DR 72-629 768.

Information for:

CONTACT: Robbery-Homicide Division, Early Task force, Detective Gable at (213) 486-6890. During non-business hours or weekends, calls may be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800)-222-8477. Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S on most key pads) using a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "LAPD." Tipsters can also go to LAPDOnline.org, click on "web tips" and follow the prompts.

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