

# LOS ANGELES Police Bulletin

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## MURDER OF LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER INFORMATION WANTED



OFFICER MICHAEL LEE EDWARDS

On **May 11, 1974, at 0900 hours**, Los Angeles Police Officer Michael Lee Edwards was discovered in a fire damaged one story vacant triplex at 122½ West 89th Street, Los Angeles. The officer had been handcuffed and shot to death.

Officer Edwards was last seen alive at the Los Angeles Police Academy on **May 10, 1974, at approximately 2230 hours**. He drove from the Academy in his own 1972 Ford Pinto station wagon, gold in color, with California license plates of 773 FTQ.

On **May 11, 1974, at approximately 0030 to 0100 hours**, residents in the area where Officer Edwards was discovered, heard several gunshots.

The officer's vehicle was recovered at 1034 West 186th Street, Los Angeles on **May 11, 1974, 2330 hours**. This area is near the Ascot Raceway and is a frequent "drop spot" for stolen vehicles.

Officer Edwards' personal firearm is missing and is a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson Airweight, 2" barrel, blue steel, five-shot revolver, serial number 328314. The revolver has standard wood grips.

The Los Angeles Police Protective League is offering \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this murder.

**Suspect(s):** Unknown

**Murder Weapon:** 9mm, semi-automatic pistol, cartridge cases and bullets recovered are good for comparison and exhibit the following characteristics.

Bullets: 9mm parabellum, 6 lands and grooves, right hand twist.  
Lands .085.

**Vehicle:** Possible 1968-1969 Buick Riviera, two-door, lowered, very shiny green color with mag wheels and white sidewall tires, and tinted glass windows. This car was observed by witnesses leaving the crime scene immediately after shots were heard.

**Refer to:** DR No. 74-553 835.

### INFORMATION FOR:

**CONTACT:** Robbery-Homicide Division, Edwards Task force, Detective DuPree at (213) 486-6869. 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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