



DAVID J. BRANHAN

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At one o'clock in the afternoon, Oakland Police received a telephone call reporting that a mentally disordered person was causing problems at Madison Jr. High School on Capistrano Drive. The caller said the man was bothering the children and fighting with the staff. Officers David Branhan and David Marks were dispatched to the school.

After arriving at the school, the officers located the individual and escorted him to a conference room on the main floor where, although they attempted to calm him down, he began to fight with them. Somehow, the subject seized Officer Marks' weapon and fired at both the officers.

Officers Branhan and Marks fell to the floor, mortally wounded. The suspect ran from the school and hid in an apartment. He was later shot and apprehended by Oakland officers.

Officer Branhan, age 29, joined the Department in 1970. He died at Highland Hospital. He was married with no children.