



## JAMES WILLIAMS JR.

January 10, 1999



On January 10, 1999, about 12:08 A.M., Officer James Williams Jr. was working unit 1A19 with Officer R. Pope, his Field Training Officer. The two officers responded to the area of Highway 580 near the 38th Avenue over-crossing to assist other officers in locating a shotgun that was thrown out of a suspect vehicle involved in a pursuit. The officers were out of their patrol vehicle and in full patrol uniform.

A male at the 38th Avenue over-crossing, used a high powered rifle to ambush seven uniformed officers as they stood with a civilian technician on the freeway. Several rounds were fired. One struck Officer Williams in the right upper chest area and another round struck Officer J. Oare in the lower back area.

The assailant fled the scene and was later apprehended and confessed to being involved in the shooting. It was discovered that he was associated with the initial pursuit.

Both officers were transported to Highland Hospital. Officer Oare sustained a minor wound to the back and recovered. Officer Williams succumbed to his wounds at 3:58 A.M.

Officer Williams was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and was 41 years old at the time of his death. He served as a New Orleans police officer for four years and had been an Oakland Police Officer for nine weeks after attending the Oakland Police academy.

He is survived by his wife Sabrina, his three children, Alexander ten years of age, Aaron five years of age and his daughter, Arriana four years of age. Officer Williams is the 45th officer to die in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Oakland.