



## RICHARD PHILPOT

January 7, 1931



Policeman Richard Philpot and his partner, Charles Fife received instructions over the headquarters telephone to proceed to 1702 60th Avenue to patch up a family disturbance. They were met by a large crowd of neighbors and the family of the man. The wife told the officers that her husband had been acting strangely that day and had beaten her. Her son said that his father was in the barn next to the house and that he had a shotgun. He said that the shotgun was not loaded.

The officers proceeded to the barn to address the man. As they stepped through the door, the information regarding the unloaded shotgun proved erroneous. Officer Philpot was struck in the face by the shotgun blast. He fell to the ground unconscious. Officer Fife fired six rounds at the suspect, incapacitating him.

Officer Philpot was rushed to Merritt Hospital, blinded and with almost fifty buckshot penetration wounds to his head. He died of his wounds the next day on January 7, 1931. He was survived by his wife and step-daughter.