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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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