

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN



ROBBERY-HOMICIDE DIVISION

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The Los Angeles Police Department is conducting a comprehensive reinvestigation of the unsolved 1974 murder of a Los Angeles Police Officer.

Officer Michael Lee Edwards was last seen alive at the Los Police Academy on **May 10, 1974, at approximately 2230 hours**. Officer Edwards was off-duty and drove from the Academy in his own vehicle.

On **May 11, 1974, at 0900 hours**, the body of Officer Edwards was discovered in a fire damaged one story vacant triplex in the 100 block of West 89th Street, Los Angeles. The officer had been handcuffed and shot to death.

Officer's vehicle was recovered in the 1000 block of West 186th St, Los Angeles, on **May 11, 1974, at 2330 hours**. This area was near the former Ascot Raceway and used as a frequent "drop spot" for stolen vehicles.

Officer Edwards' revolver, which was stolen at the time of the murder, was recovered in Las Vegas, NV. in 1981.

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.

Ref: DR# 74-553835



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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