

Notice from the CA Peace officer Memorial Foundation

PEACE OFFICER DEATH

Officer James Capoot

Vallejo Police Dept.

EOW: November 17, 2011

On the afternoon of November 17, 2011, Vallejo PD Officer Jim Capoot was responding to a bank robbery at a North Vallejo Bank of America, when he spotted a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle involved. A pursuit ensued until the 100 block of Janice Street where Officer Capoot executed a pit maneuver on the suspects' vehicle. The suspects abandoned their vehicle and fled on foot. Capoot chased the suspects on foot into a residential neighborhood, where the suspects shot him several times. Officer Capoot was transported to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, where he died.

At this writing, one suspect has been arrested and a regional SWAT team and multiple agencies have been called in to help in the search for a second suspect.

Jim Capoot began his law enforcement career with the California Highway Patrol in 1990. In 1992 he left the CHP to become a Police Officer for the City of Vallejo. Over the course of his career, Capoot has served as a motorcycle officer, motorcycle instructor, driving instructor, force options instructor, and SWAT officer. He has received two Vallejo Police Department Medals of Courage, two Life-Saving Medals, and various other departmental commendations. Before beginning his career in law enforcement, Capoot served our country in the United States Marine Corps.

Officer Capoot is survived by his wife Jennifer and their three daughters, Jillian, Jamie, and Justine. Officer Capoot was the fourth Vallejo officer killed in the line of the duty in the city's 155-year history.

Additional details and funeral information will be forwarded as available.