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L.B.P.D. NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH MURDER INVESTIGATION

\$50,000 REWARD OFFERED

**Long Beach Police Officer Frank Lewis
Murdered in 1975**

The Long Beach Police Homicide Detail is asking for your help with the murder investigation of a Long Beach police officer nearly 40 years ago. Anyone who may have lived in the area and saw anything out the ordinary, or knows anyone who may have been involved, is urged to come forward.

Officer Lewis



In the early hours of December 13, 1975, Officer Franke Neal Lewis was returning home after his patrol shift when he saw suspicious activity and tried to stop a violent crime in progress in the 6200 block of Cantel Street. Detectives believe, as Officer Lewis approached the suspect(s) who had violently beaten Mr. Gitschier, the suspect(s) shot Officer Lewis and fled.

Detectives are taking a fresh look at the case and believe one or possibly two suspicious vehicle(s) with multiple occupants were in the area that night. It's possible those occupants were involved.

On March 13, 1976, Officer Lewis' police badge, badge holder, and police ID were recovered at 915 S. Acacia, Compton. These items were taken from Officer Lewis' person on the night he was murdered.

Anyone with information regarding the murder of Officer Lewis, is urged to contact Long Beach Homicide Detectives T. Johnson, S. Robertson, or M. Bigel at (562) 570-7244. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or text TIPLA plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES), or visit www.LACrimeStoppers.org