

June

1 June 1985 – Sergeant George Lynn Arthur, Gunfire

Sergeant George Arthur was shot and killed while returning home from work. Sergeant Arthur had just completed his shift at the Central Jail and was on his way home when he was attacked. A suspect had hidden in the back seat of Sergeant Arthur's car and approximately a mile from the Jail attacked him. A fight ensued in the car and Sergeant Arthur was shot and killed.

The Los Angeles Police Department had investigated the shooting but was unable to solve the crime. In 1999, the LAPD resubmitted DNA evidence in Sergeant Arthur's shooting. The DNA evidence implicated a co-worker of Sergeant Arthur's. When confronted with the evidence, the suspect committed suicide.

4 June 1925 Constable John S. (Jack) Pilcher, Accidental Gunfire

Pilcher and two deputy constables, Biddison and John Seltzer responded to the Gage Ranch in Bouquet Canyon, about three miles north of Saugus, to investigate a burglary. Thieves carried off doors and windows from this location on June 2nd but left a piano behind and other items. Pilcher and his men thought that the thieves might return so they spent the night of June 3rd at the location. The next morning they were in the process of loading the piano and remaining items onto a truck when a large lizard ran into the house and scurried under a bed. Pilcher and Seltzer were in the process of chasing the creature from under the bed when Seltzer's weapon fell out of his shoulder holster, struck the ground and discharged. The round struck Pilcher between the eyes and killed him.

15 June 2004 – Deputy Michael Richard Arruda, Accidental Gunfire

Deputy Arruda died of a gunshot wound he received six days earlier when he was accidentally shot by another deputy.

Deputy Arruda and three deputies responded to a motel in Hacienda Heights on June 9, 2004, after receiving a call that someone was firing shots and threatening people. When the deputies arrived, they went to the unit where the suspect was reported to be staying. As they walked toward the unit, the suspect exited carrying a pellet pistol that closely resembled a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The suspect began firing at the deputies. The deputies returned fire, killing the suspect. One of the rounds fired by the deputies struck Deputy Arruda in the neck, seriously wounding him.

Deputy Arruda was removed to Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he remained until his death six days later.

Deputy Arruda had served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 13 years. He is survived by his son, daughter, fiancée, parents, brother, and sister.

16 June 1983 – Deputy James P. Clark, Automobile Accident

Deputy Clark was killed in an automobile accident on Mullen Avenue while he and his partner responded to a home burglary call. Deputy Clark had been with the agency for three years and was survived by his expectant wife and 3-year-old daughter.

24 June 1964 – Reserve Deputy Lloyd G. Constantine, Vehicular Assault

Reserve Deputy Lloyd Constantine was killed when a drunk driver struck his patrol car. Reserve Deputy Constantine and his partner were on patrol when a drunk driver failed to stop at a stop sign. The drunk driver struck the patrol car broadside killing Reserve Deputy Constantine.

Reserve Deputy Constantine was killed on his 42nd birthday. He had served with the agency for 7 years.

24 June 2005 – Deputy Jerry Ortiz, Gunfire

Deputy Jerry Ortiz was shot and killed after knocking on a door during an investigation.

Deputy Ortiz had gone to an apartment complex in the city of Hawaiian Gardens to question a woman about a shooting that had taken place the previous day. As he spoke to the woman at the door of the apartment, the suspect involved in the previous day's shooting appeared and shot Ortiz in the head. The man then fled into an apartment three doors away. Deputies found him hiding in a bathtub three hours later.

The suspect, who was on parole and had prior arrests for convictions for assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, burglary, as well as for gun and drug crimes, was charged with first degree murder.

In April 2007 the suspect was found guilty of capital murder and sentenced to death.

Six months prior to this incident, Deputy Ortiz's brother-in-law, Corrections Officer Manuel A. Gonzalez, of the California Department of Corrections, was stabbed to death by a gang member inmate at California Institution for Men in Chino.

Deputy Ortiz had served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 15 years and was assigned to the Anti-Gang Unit. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and mother.