

SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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INFORMATION RELEASE IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSE CISNEROS – E.O.W. AUGUST 25, 1985





August 25th, 1985, is a day that will forever live in the hearts and memories of the Solano County Sheriff's Office family. On that day 30 years ago, Deputy Sheriff Jose Cisneros was investigating a littering and suspicious person report. Deputy Cisneros found a white van with no license plates parked on a dirt farm access road near the intersection of Pleasants Valley and Cherry Glen Roads, Vacaville. He radioed his location to dispatch, exited his patrol car, and was immediately confronted by an armed gunman. Deputy Cisneros was shot and killed.

Law enforcement officers from surrounding agencies were nearby and located Deputy Cisneros. The van was spotted driving on Pleasants Valley Road and a lengthy pursuit of the suspects ensued, with the suspects shooting at pursuing officers. Both suspects were later taken into custody. It was later discovered that the suspects stole the van at gunpoint earlier that day.

Deputy Cisneros was well respected by his peers and proudly served with the Solano County Sheriff's Office for 14 years. May he always be remembered for his dedication to our community, his heroism, and for the ultimate sacrifice he gave in the performance of his duties as a Solano County Sheriff's Deputy.

Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara vividly remembers working that day and said, "Thirty years later the pain and loss is still there. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about it."

In honor of the 30 year anniversary of Deputy Cisneros' death, a memorial sticker will be placed on each patrol vehicle for the next 30 days.

Please take a moment to remember Deputy Cisneros and the sacrifice that he made for our community. Keep his family in your thoughts as we remember that difficult day.

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