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(Compton PD)

Officer Kevin Burrell and Officer James MacDonald were shot and killed while making a traffic stop. The suspect was a parolee and was in possession of a handgun. As the officers attempted to handcuff him, he somehow got loose. The suspect fired at them with a gun he had concealed on his person. The man was arrested and convicted of two counts of murdering a police officer and received the death penalty.

Officer MacDonald had been with Compton Police Department for 18 months and was survived by his parents and brother. Officer Burrell had served with Compton PD for 5 years.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is now the policing agency for the City of Compton. The Sheriff's Department would like to recognize Officer Kevin Burrell and Officer James MacDonald for their sacrifice in serving the Compton Police Department .