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### Detective Christopher A. Ridley

**Mount Vernon Police Department  
New York**

End of Watch: Friday, January 25, 2008

#### Biographical Info

**Age:** 23  
**Tour of Duty:** 1 year  
**Badge Number:** 2174



#### Incident Details

**Cause of Death:** Gunfire (Accidental)  
**Date of Incident:** Friday, January 25, 2008  
**Weapon Used:** Handgun  
**Suspect Info:** Not available

Detective Christopher Ridley was shot and killed after being mistaken for a suspect in White Plains, New York.

Detective Ridley was off duty when he observed a fight between two homeless men near the intersection of Court Street and Martine Avenue at approximately 5:00 pm. He exited his vehicle and attempted to break up the fight, but was then violently attacked by the aggressor. During the struggle, Detective Ridley's handgun fell to the ground and discharged, attracting the attention of two Westchester County police officers who were in an adjacent county building.

The two officers approached the scene as Detective Ridley picked up his weapon from the ground. Not realizing that Detective Ridley was a police officer, the two officers ordered him to drop his weapon and then fired when he did not comply, fatally wounding him.

Detective Ridley had served with the Mount Vernon Police Department for 1 year. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of detective. He is survived by his mother and father.

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