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## The Officer Down Memorial Page Remembers . . .



### Sergeant Howard King (Howie) Stevenson

**Ceres Police Department  
California**

End of Watch: Sunday, January 9, 2005

#### Biographical Info

**Age:** 39

**Tour of Duty:** 20 years

**Badge Number:** 143

#### Incident Details

**Cause of Death:** Gunfire

**Date of Incident:** Sunday, January 9, 2005

**Weapon Used:** Rifle; SKS

**Suspect Info:** Shot and killed

Sergeant Howard Stevenson was shot and killed after responding to a suspicious person call at a liquor store.

Sergeant Stevenson and other officers had responded to a liquor store on North Central Avenue to investigate reports of an armed male who was acting strangely. The first officer on the scene was shot and wounded by the suspect. This officer took cover behind a car and returned fire as Sergeant Stevenson arrived at the scene. Sergeant Stevenson exited his patrol car from the opposite side of the store and immediately engaged the suspect, firing eight shots before being shot himself. Sergeant Stevenson was struck three times in his torso and legs. The suspect then shot him twice in the head as he lay on the ground.

The suspect exchanged shots with responding officers before fleeing the scene. He was shot and killed approximately three hours later during a second shootout. The suspect was believed to be under the influence of cocaine at the time of the incident.

Sergeant Stevenson had served with the Ceres Police Department for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, son, and two daughters.

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