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Christopher A. Cortijo, a highly decorated and respected motor officer, was killed in the line of duty on April 9, 2014, in a traffic collision. He succumbed to injuries he incurred when his police motorcycle was struck from behind by an impaired driver at the intersection of Lankershim Boulevard and Saticoy Street. He was 51 years old.


Officer Cortijo was stopped at a red light when an impaired driver struck him from behind at full speed. The driver who struck Officer Cortijo was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and possession of cocaine.

Officer Cortijo was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 26 years. Officer Cortijo was a model LAPD officer known for his humor as well as his professionalism. Officer Cortijo received more than 120 commendations for his law enforcement professionalism and he was named LAPD Officer of the Year twice;

Officer Cortijo was especially well known and respected for his commitment to protecting Los Angeles resident from the danges of drunk driving. Officer Cortijo had arrested more than 3,000 drunk drivers in San Fernando Valley, and in fact he was en route to help with a DUI arrest at the time of his fatal accident. Officer Cortijo undoubtedly saved countless lives due to his tireless advocacy for safety and our community.



WE THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Van Nuys Boulevard and Arminta Street be named as "Officer Chris Cortijo Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signs to this effect.

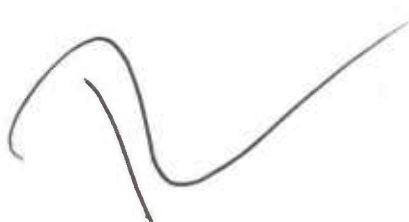
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