

THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A solemn obligation



Officer Anthony Dia
E.O.W. July 4, 2020

Police Officer Anthony Dia was shot and killed after responding to a disturbance at a Home Depot store at 1035 West Alexis Road just after midnight.

An intoxicated suspect was harassing participants of an informal car show in the parking lot of the store. Officer Dia was the first officer on the scene and attempted to make contact with the suspect. Upon seeing Officer Dia, the suspect began to walk away toward the garden center. Officer Dia ordered the suspect to stop. He ignored the command and Officer Dia pursued him through the lot. Video surveillance showed that as Officer Dia rounded the corner of a tall floral display, the suspect was waiting in ambush and fired at him, striking him once in the chest. Despite his wounds, Officer Dia was able to return fire as the man fled.

The suspect fled into a nearby wooded area where he committed suicide.

Responding officers transported Officer Dia to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Officer Dia had served with the Toledo Police Department for just under two years and had previously served with the Mercy Health Police Department. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and parents.

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