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Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Dominic Vaca

San Bernardino Sheriff's Department

EOW: May 31, 2021

Age: 43 Tour: 17 years Cause: Gunfire Suspect: Killed

On Monday, San Bernardino Sheriff's Sergeant Dominic Vaca was shot during a gun battle, that concluded a pursuit and leg bail with a suspect in the Yucca Valley of San Bernardino County. Sergeant Vaca was transported to the hospital but tragically died from his wounds.

Deputies had tried to pull over a motorcyclist who led them on a high-speed chase. At the termination of the pursuit the suspect ran into the desert. When deputies pursued him, the suspect was lying in wait. The suspect ambushed Sergeant Vaca, shooting and killing him. Assisting deputies arriving at the scene engaged the suspect, shooting and killing him at the scene.

Sergeant Vaca was 43 years old and was a 17-year veteran of the San Bernardino Sheriffs' Department. He was a very well-respected man and Sergeant to his peers and subordinates.

Sergeant Vaca was doing what he was training to do – apprehending a suspect. Again, another cowardly act by those who defy the law.

San Bernardino Sheriff John McMahon announced Sergeant Vaca's passing last night on Facebook.