



Deputy Sheriff Phillip Campas *Kern County Sheriff's Department*

EOW: July 25, 2021

Age: unk **Tour:** unk years **Cause:** Gunfire **Suspect:** In Custody

Kern County Sheriff's Deputy Phillip Campas was one of two deputies shot during a gun battle with a hostage taker in Waso (about 24 miles northwest of Bakersfield). Deputy Campas was transported to hospital but was pronounced dead as a result of his wounds.

The incident began at 1pm when Deputies responded to a report of shots fired at a house. When they arrived a person inside the house shot at them but no deputies were struck. Shortly after 3pm the SWAT team attempted to make their way into the house. The gunman opened fire striking Deputy Campas and another SWAT Team Member.

At 6:30pm the SWAT team again entered the home and exchanged gunfire with the suspect, wounding him. The gunman was transported to a local hospital.

Deputy Campas was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Deputy Campas was a highly decorated deputy with Kern County Sheriff's Office.