

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Law Enforcement Memorial



**Walter Koella
Officer
New Haven
Died: 03/16/1935**

On March 16, 1935 at about 1 A.M. Officers WALTER KOELLA and Kelly responded to 12 Harding Place on a burglary. They saw a suspect walking away and at this time they chased the suspect up Sherman Parkway towards Bassett Street. At this time, the suspect ran into a rear yard at 963 Sherman Parkway towards Bassett Street. At this time the suspect ran into a rear yard at 963 Sherman Parkway. Officer Kelly tripped and Koella continued the chase. A Mailman witnessed the suspect shoot and kill the officer. Officer Kelly returned fire and struck the suspect in the leg. It was later learned that the suspect had broken into a policeman's home and had stolen his service revolver which was used to kill Officer Koella. He was survived by his wife, Charlotte and two sons, Water Jr. and John.