

U.S. | Wed Jul 5, 2017 | 4:04pm EDT

New York police officer 'assassinated' by gunman: official



By Taylor Harris | NEW YORK

A New York City police officer was shot dead early on Wednesday morning by a gunman who was killed by police as he ran from the scene, an attack the city's top police official called an assassination.

The officer, Miosotis Familia, 48, a 12-year veteran of the force, was shot in the head as she sat in a mobile command truck in the Bronx borough with her partner at about 12:30 a.m. EDT (0430 GMT), the New York Police Department said.

"This was an unprovoked direct attack on police officers who were assigned to keep the people of this city safe," Police Commissioner James O'Neill told a news conference. Earlier on Twitter, he said that Familia had been "assassinated."

Police said that alleged gunman Alexander Bonds, 34, shot Familia through the vehicle's window, hitting the mother of three in the head. Bonds fled and was shot dead about a block away by two officers after he drew a handgun, according to police.



A New York City Police Department (NYPD) officer places a candle outside the 46th police precinct after a gunman fatally shot a female New York City police officer in an unprovoked attack early on Wednesday in the city's Bronx borough of New York City, U.S., July 5, 2017. REUTERS/Mike Segar

A bystander was shot and wounded during that encounter, O'Neill said. He said the person, who was not identified, was in stable condition at a nearby hospital.

Bonds had been arrested six times, including once in 2001 for assaulting a police officer, said NYPD spokesman Detective Ahmed Nasser. Bonds pleaded guilty to second-degree misdemeanor assault and was sentenced to community service, according to a Queens county court official. At the time of Familia's shooting, Bonds was on parole after being convicted of a robbery in Syracuse, New York, according to a police source.

Bonds' social media history included an anti-police rant, posted in a Facebook Live video in September.

"That ain't no badge of honor or nothing," Bonds said in the video. "I don't care about a 100 police watching this shit."

RELATED COVERAGE

VIDEO NY cop shot dead in "unprovoked attack"

The shooting was similar in style to the December 2014 ambush of two New York City police officers who were slain as they sat in a patrol car by a man who traveled to the city from Baltimore after promising to kill officers.

A total of 24 U.S. law enforcement officers have been killed by gunfire so far this year, a 9 percent increase from the same period in 2016, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund.

The president of the city's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association union, Patrick Lynch, condemned the attack. "Violence against police officers cannot stand," he said.

(Additional reporting by Barbara Goldberg in New York and Brendan O'Brien in Milwaukee; Editing by Scott Malone and Cynthia Osterman)

REUTERS Our Standards: [The Thomson Reuters Trust Principles](#)

NEXT IN U.S. →

Hobby Lobby to forfeit ancient Iraqi artifacts in settlement with U.S. DOJ



LOS ANGELES The U.S. Department of Justice said on Wednesday it had reached a settlement with national arts and crafts retailer Hobby Lobby to forfeit thousands of ancient artifacts illegally smuggled into the country from the Middle East.

U.S. proposes cutting total biofuels requirements in 2018



NEW YORK The U.S. government on Wednesday proposed to reduce the volume of biofuel required to be used in gasoline and diesel fuel next year as it signaled the first step toward a potential broader overhaul of its biofuels program.

MORE FROM REUTERS

Mexico court suspends sale of Roku TV streaming gadgets

Russia calls Britain's new aircraft carrier 'a convenient target'

Suspect killed in attempt to steal helicopter at Oregon airport: newspaper

Exclusive: Missing Chinese tycoon's Tomorrow Holdings puts investments up for sale - sources

Russia doesn't rule out retaliation if U.S. bans Kaspersky products

SPONSORED CONTENT

The retreat from QE: a central bank scorecard
Financial Times

Principle #2: Cash Isn't Always King
J.P. Morgan Funds

A paperless office: 5 steps to help gain efficiencies & reduce costs.
Fidelity Investments

CDs and short duration bonds: Get more yield on your cash.
Fidelity Investments

Motley Fool Gives Rare "Total Conviction" Buy Sign
The Motley Fool

Promoted by [Dianomi](#)

FROM AROUND THE WEB

Promoted by [Revcontent](#)



Find Top Luxury Sedans of 2017. You Won't Want to Miss These

Buy New Sedan - Sponsored Ads



See Why This is The Most Addicting Shopping Site

Topmatter



Here's What Dental Implants Should Cost You in New York

BetterDentalImplant - Sponsored



28 Chilling Photos They Didn't Show in History Class

Livestly



We Can Guess Your Education Level with Just 10 Questions

Topix



Do You Own A Computer? You Must Try This Game!

Vikings: War of Clans

Follow Reuters:

[Reuters Plus](#) | [Reuters News Agency](#) | [Brand Attribution Guidelines](#) | [Careers](#)

Reuters is the news and media division of [Thomson Reuters](#). Thomson Reuters is the world's largest international multimedia news agency, providing investing news, world news, business news, technology news, headline news, small business news, news alerts, personal finance, stock market, and mutual funds information available on Reuters.com, video, mobile, and interactive television platforms. Learn more about Thomson Reuters products:

<p>EIKON</p> <p>Information, analytics and exclusive news on financial markets - delivered in an intuitive desktop and mobile interface</p>	<p>ELEKTRON</p> <p>Everything you need to empower your workflow and enhance your enterprise data management</p>	<p>WORLD-CHECK</p> <p>Screen for heightened risk individual and entities globally to help uncover hidden risks in business relationships and human networks</p>	<p>WESTLAW</p> <p>Build the strongest argument relying on authoritative content, attorney-editor expertise, and industry defining technology</p>	<p>ONESOURCE</p> <p>The most comprehensive solution to manage all your complex and ever-expanding tax and compliance needs</p>	<p>CHECKPOINT</p> <p>The industry leader for online information for tax, accounting and finance professionals</p>
--	--	--	---	---	--

All quotes delayed a minimum of 15 minutes. [See here for a complete list](#) of exchanges and delays.

TRENDING STORIES

- 1 Take Two for Trump in talks with unnerved European allies
- 2 U.S. prepared to use force on North Korea 'if we must': U.N. envoy
- 3 Can U.S. defend against North Korea missiles? Not everyone agrees
- 4 Venezuelan lawmakers beaten, besieged in latest violence
- 5 Tesla shares dive 7 percent; still above analysts' target price

U.S. prepared to use force on North Korea 'if we must': U.N. envoy

Can U.S. defend against North Korea missiles? Not everyone agrees

Venezuelan lawmakers beaten, besieged in latest violence



besieged in latest violence

Tesla shares dive 7 percent; still above analysts' target price

PICTURES



Photos of the day

SPONSORED TOPICS

