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**FORT LAUDERDALE COP
KILLERS FACE PAROLE**

UPDATE 06.12.2019: The parole hearing for suspect Alvin Lewis has been delayed until July 31st at the request of his representative.

The hearing for suspects Decosta and Robinson will remain on June 26th. Neighbors who wish to send letters expressing feelings on whether or not these individuals should be paroled are asked to do so by June 20th. Letters are being accepted at OfficerWalter2019@fortlauderdale.gov.

ORIGINAL 06.06.2019: On July 21st, 1974, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department was shot and killed during an armed robbery. Officer Walter Ilyankoff, a 15 year veteran of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, was survived by a wife and a son.

The four suspects are Alvin Ford, George Decosta, Alvin Lewis and Henry Robinson. Ford was found guilty and sentenced to death, however, died in prison while awaiting execution. Robinson was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison for his part in the crimes. Decosta and Lewis plead guilty to 2nd Degree Murder in exchange for life sentences.

Decosta, Lewis, and Robinson will be making their pleas for parole later this month. The hearing is set to take place on June 26th, 2019.

If you want your voice to be heard by the Parole Board, please email officerwalter2019@fortlauderdale.gov with a short statement expressing feelings on whether the three men should be paroled or not. We are hoping to receive all sentiments by June 20th, 2019 in order to be presented to the Parole Board.

More information regarding the killing of Officer Ilyankoff can be found at the following link: <https://www.flpd.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=2375>

Anyone with questions regarding the upcoming parole hearing is encouraged to contact Detective Elijah Thomas at 954-828-6093.