

# Queens NYPD cop shoots wife to death then kills self

CHELSIA ROSE MARCIUS , SHANE DIXON KAVANAUGH

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## 2013 Cop Domestic Violence murder suicide Sherlon Smikle



*Sherlon Smikle fatally shot his wife before turning the gun on himself in Queens on Wednesday.*

An off-duty NYPD officer fatally blasted his wife with a shotgun on their Queens street, then went inside and turned the weapon on himself in a horrific murder-suicide Wednesday, police sources and witnesses said.

Sherlon Smikle, 33, blasted Lana Morris four times outside the family's Camden Blvd. home in St. Albans around 7:35 p.m., sources and witnesses said. He then walked inside and took his own life with a single slug to the head.

Law enforcement sources said Smikle, an eight-year veteran assigned to Brooklyn public housing, had recently had his police-issued weapon taken away.



*Ken Murray/New York Daily News Body of NYPD officer Sherlon Smikle is carried out of his home on Camden Ave. in St. Albans, Queens, after he shot wife Lana Morris and himself to death.*

As Morris, 46, clung to life in the street, neighbors rushed to the aid of the school-safety agent, who was wearing her uniform.



*Ken Murray/New York Daily News Police investigate at the scene of the murder-suicide. The couple had one young child, neighbors said.*

“There were shell casings all over the ground,” said Bernadette, 39, who didn't want to give her last name. “She was laying by the side of the curb.”

Authorities rushed the woman to Queens General Hospital. She could not be saved. Neighbors said the couple has a child who is about 8 years old.