

Richard D. Duvall



19 Jun 1933 – February 23, 1960

CHP Officer Killed by Gunshot

Tuesday, February 23, 1960

Officer Richard D. Duvall's last radio message was, "I'm chasing a fast one." Duvall did not know that the motorist on U.S. Highway 66 outside Victorville was an escaped felon driving a stolen car and wanted for armed robbery. As soon as the vehicle was pulled over, the ex-convict opened fire, killing the 26-year-old patrolman. The suspect was captured six days later after a gunfight with San Luis Obispo County deputies at a Shell Beach motel. The suspect was convicted of first degree murder and executed in San Quentin's gas chamber on November 3, 1961. He was suspected to have had an accomplice, but they were never found.

Duvall had served less than two years with the Patrol. His death was instrumental in CHP Commissioner Bard Crittenden's decision to require that officers pair up on the graveyard shift and parts of the evening shift.

He was survived by his expectant wife and daughter.

Link to the [Richard D. Duvall Memorial Highway](#) - Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69

24 February 1960 [San Bernardino Sun newspaper article](#) about Richard's death