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NEWS RELEASE

Eighth Line of Duty Death of the El Paso Police Department was Patrolman George Drake in 1918

Date & Time: Sunday, September 22, 1918
Location: Unknown

EL PASO, TEXAS: On Sunday September 22, 1918 Patrolman George Franklin Drake was killed after his motorcycle was struck by a vehicle driven by a suspect who had just shot and wounded a detective. The suspect shot the detective after becoming angry that he had been thrown out of a party by him. While being pursued by other detectives the suspect struck Patrolman Drake, pinning him under the vehicle and causing fatal injuries. Ironically, it was later determined that the man who struck Patrolman Drake had served with the El Paso Police Department for two years. Patrolman George Franklin Drake was 38 years old and had served the El Paso Police Department for 2 years. He was survived by his wife and two sons.

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