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### **Chicago Police Charge Two Convicted Felons for Murder of Officer Killed in the Line of Duty**

***Officer Alejandro Valadez fatally shot while investigating a call of gunshots in Englewood***

CHICAGO – Chicago Police have charged the two men who fatally shot Officer Alejandro Valadez as he and his partner investigated a call of gunfire in the 6000 block of South Hermitage Av. early yesterday morning.

Shawn Gaston, 20, of the 6200 block of South Paulina and Kevin Walker, 21, of the 2500 block of West 70<sup>th</sup> St. were each charged with one count each of First Degree Murder, First Degree Murder of a Peace Officer, and Attempted First Degree Murder.

The charges were approved late this afternoon.

Officer Valadez and his partner responded to a call of gunfire on the Englewood street early Monday morning and began to interview a man when Walker pulled his car up near Valadez. Gaston, the passenger in the vehicle, then fired the gunshots that claimed the life of Officer Valadez.

Officer Valadez joined the Chicago Police Department in December 2005 and was most recently assigned to the Englewood District (007).

Officer Valadez honorably served the citizens of Chicago, earning a Department Commendation and 22 Honorable Mentions during his three year career with the Chicago Police Department.

His efforts to courageously protect the citizens of Chicago will never be forgotten.

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