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Bio & Incident Details
Age: 32
Tour: 6 years, 6 months
Badge # 508
Cause: Drowned

Conservation Officer

James Lansford "Lance" Horner, Jr.

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama

End of Watch: Sunday, June 22, 2003

Officer Horner drowned while attempting to assist another officer whose boat became disabled on the Tombigbee River near the Coffeeville Lock and Dam at 1120 hours.

The officer with the disabled boat was able to tie it up to the lock. Officer Horner, who was wearing a flotation vest, and his boat were pulled underneath the churning water and pulled through the flood gates. The other officer was able to contact the lock master to call for help. Officer Horner's body was found several miles downstream of the dam.

Officer Horner had been with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for 6.5 years, and is survived by his wife, 5-month-old son, parents, and sister.

Lance Horner Jr. Alabama Conservation Officer

<http://www.southeasternoutdoors.com/outdoors/hunting/game-warden/lance-horner.html>

June 22, 2003

Alabama Conservation Enforcement Officer Lance Horner, Jr., 32, of Grove Hill drowned Sunday, June 22, 2003, while on patrol on the Tombigbee River. Officer Horner was assisting another officer whose boat was disabled above the Coffeeville Lock and Dam when his boat capsized.

"Lance was a bright, capable officer, helpful by nature," said Corky Pugh, Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. "He will be terribly missed."

Horner, 32, originally from Eufaula, was employed by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries' Enforcement Section in 1996, and assigned to the District 5 post in Clarke County. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and shared that interest with others. As an instructor for the Hunter Education Program, Horner helped train future hunters with emphasis on hunter safety. In the field, he assisted with the Youth Hunts held at Scotch Wildlife Management Area.

Officer Horner was universally well-liked and dependable. His fellow officers knew that he could be counted on whenever called upon to help. He also assisted the Clarke County Sheriff's Department on numerous occasions. Horner was a member of the National Rifle Association, Alabama State Employees Association, Fraternal Order of Police, and the Police Benevolent Association.

"It's a real tragedy that something like that would happen," said M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "It's a loss for us that has had a tremendous effect on everyone. Our concerns are especially for those close to him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family."

Officer Horner is survived by his wife and an infant son.