

2006 Manchester, New Hampshire police shooting

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The **2006 Manchester, New Hampshire police shooting** was an incident that took place on October 16, 2006 in Manchester, New Hampshire, United States. The incident occurred when police officer Michael Briggs was shot while on duty. Briggs was later transported to the hospital before dying of his injuries. The suspect, Michael "Stix" Addison, fled the state of New Hampshire, prompting a manhunt by police. Fifteen hours after the shooting, Addison was arrested in Dorchester, Massachusetts, waived extradition and was transported back to New Hampshire.^[1] Prior to his return to New Hampshire, Addison was charged by Boston Police with being a fugitive from justice. Addison was transported to the Suffolk County Jail with \$2 million (2006 USD) in bail (contrary to other news reports).^{[2][3][4]}



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The incident prompted prosecutors to seek the death penalty for Michael Addison, which caused a debate about the place of capital punishment in New Hampshire.^[5] Recent news reports indicated that the October 12, 2006 shooting and a string of crimes that occurred a week earlier resulted in the arrest and questioning of two more people connected with Addison.^[6]

A week after the shooting, a memorial service was held on October 21, 2006, and state and local politicians and various charity organizations expressed their condolences to the Briggs family and the community of Manchester. In January 2007, the Manchester Police Department retired Michael Briggs' badge number in honor of the fallen officer. In March 2007 a trial date for Addison was set for early September 2008.

The capital murder trial of Michael Addison was the first for the state of New Hampshire since Gordon E. Perry was indicted for capital murder charges for the shooting of Officer Jeremy Charron.

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Background

Michael Briggs

Michael Briggs (1971-2006) was born in Epsom, New Hampshire, and served in the United States Marines from 1991-1995 after graduating from Pembroke Academy in 1990. From 1995-2001 he worked as a correctional officer and police officer for the Epsom Police Department. On May 2, 2001, Briggs became a police officer for the Manchester Police Department and was assigned as a bicycle police officer. Briggs graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy in November 2001. In 2004, he received a life-saving medal after saving residents from a burning building. He was awarded the Congressional Law Enforcement Award in October 2005 for the same actions. Briggs was a member of the New Hampshire Police Association and friend and co-worker of Jeremy Charron, who died in 1997.^{[2][7][1]} Briggs was married and the father of