



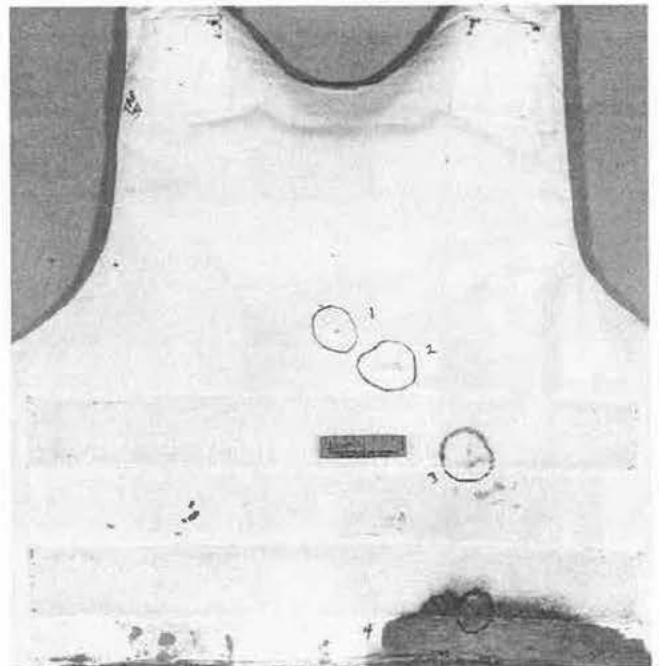
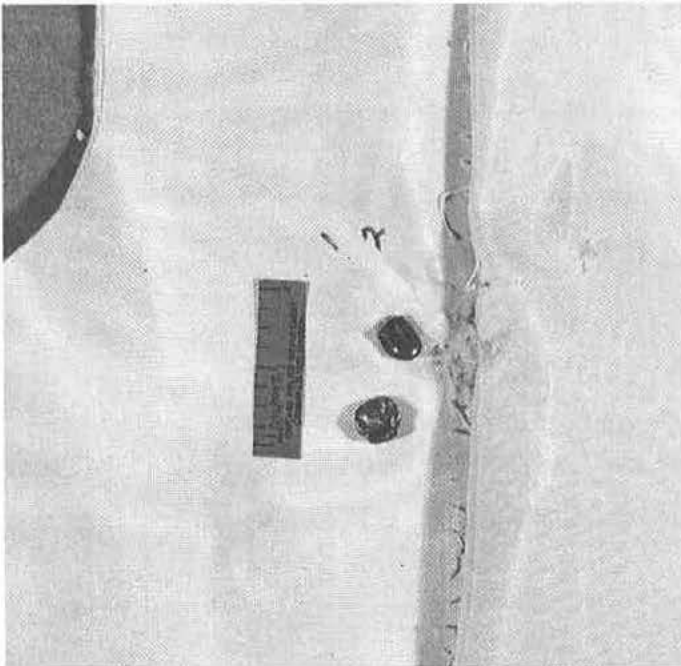
# SPECIAL BULLETIN



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## OFFICER ROBBINS IS LIVING PROOF BODY ARMOR SAVES LIVES



Four layers of Kevlar peeled back to reveal bullets captured by body armor (photo left). Body armor which saved Officer Michael Robbins's life (photo right).

On Sunday, 10 September 1994, Officer Michael Robbins and his partner were struck by gunfire. Officer Robbins received multiple gunshot wounds--including five shots which struck him in the upper torso. Fortunately, Officer Robbins was wearing his body armor. The vest saved the officer's life. However, several erroneous media reports stated that the bullets actually pierced the officer's body armor.

The mistaken impression that the bullets passed through the body armor was caused by the appearance of holes in the cotton outer covering and blood on the inside of the vest. The force of the bullets caused contusions on the officer's abdomen resulting from blunt trauma; thus, the appearance of some blood. Actually, the bullets never penetrated through the vest.

The body armor is constructed of ballistic panels, each consisting of 22 layers of Kevlar. The officer was struck at point-blank range by a .9mm firearm with full-metal jacketed bullets. None of the bullets penetrated beyond the fourth layer of Kevlar.