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City of Jersey City and United Way of Hudson County Establish Memorial Fund for Family of Fallen Jersey City Police Officer Melvin Santiago; Residents Can Text Donations

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** announced today that **the City of Jersey City** and the **United Way of Hudson County** have established a memorial fund for the family of fallen Jersey City Police Officer Melvin Santiago.

Officer Santiago, 23, who will be promoted to the rank of detective today by the Mayor, was killed in the line of duty early Sunday morning.

“Police Officer Melvin Santiago represented everything one would want to see in a police officer,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “He was a shining star in our community, who pursued his dream of a career in law enforcement and was eager to come to work to protect his community. I know the entire city’s thoughts and prayers are with the Santiago family during this difficult time as we mourn together. While nothing can replace the loss of Melvin, this fund will help the family not only in their immediate needs, but in ensuring a positive future for Melvin’s younger brother.”

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the fund can do so in the following two methods:

1 - Text to number 52000 with the subject line UWHC Santiago. Once the text is sent, you will receive a text asking to confirm your donation by typing in YES. You will then receive a thank you text and the process is complete. You can send up to three text donations of \$10.00.

2 – People can donate with either e-checks or credit card payments via the United Way link at: <http://www.liveunitedhudson.org/>

In the drop down menu “Which cause are you donating to” select “Officer Melvin Santiago.”

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