

## **STATE APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTION IN THE MURDER OF LA AIRPORT POLICE OFFICER TOMMY SCOTT**

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers' Association (LAAPOA) is pleased that a state appeals court had upheld William Sadowski's first-degree murder conviction and life prison term without the possibility of parole for April 29, 2005, death of Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Tommy Scott.

As reported by City News Service, the three-justice panel rejected the defense's contention in a 17-page ruling that Sadowski's trial was unfair since uniformed police officers were allowed to sit in the courtroom audience during his case.

"The record simply does not persuade us that there was any taint arising from the presence of police officers," Presiding Justice Tricia A. Bigelow wrote on behalf of the panel.

"The death of Officer Scott reminds us of the potential dangers that face our Airport Police officers everyday," stated Marshall McClain, president of LAAPOA. "The sacrifice that Officer Scott made to ensure the safety of our airports and the traveling public will never be forgotten."

Thirty-six-year-old Officer Scott was brutally decapitated while trying to gain control of his patrol car, which was commandeered by Sadowski after Officer Scott stopped to question him standing near the airport fence line.

Jurors found Sadowski guilty of first-degree murder, along with two counts of carjacking, in November 2009.

*The Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers' Association represents the more than 425 sworn police officers and firefighters of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department who protect and serve Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY).*