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## Killed bouncer & now he pays

### Decades in jail for shooting off-duty court officer & two

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A DISGRUNTLED patron at a strip club who gunned down a Westchester court officer working as a bouncer and shot two others was sentenced to 75 years to life yesterday.

More than 100 court officers, union officials and family members stood and applauded as Moises Valerio, 32, bowed his head and was escorted out of the courtroom.

"See you, buddy," heckled one man in Queens Supreme Court Justice Robert McGann's crowded courtroom. "See you later," cackled another.

Valerio of Brooklyn was convicted this month of killing

Francisco Rosa, 32, and wounding another moonlighting court officer, Michael Serrano, 38, and bouncer Reginald Hayes, 39, in the early morning hours of May 22, 2004.

Rosa tossed him and a group of others from the since-closed Club Phenomenon in Woodside after a scuffle broke out. The bouncers then formed a line to keep them from returning, and Valerio went to his car and retrieved a handgun, prosecutors said.

Valerio, a regular at the club and an ex-con with convictions for weapons possession, burglary and drugs, fired at the row of bouncers before fleeing.

Rosa — once class president at Cardinal Hayes High School

in the Bronx, a father of three and a Westchester County court officer — was hit in the stomach and died that night.

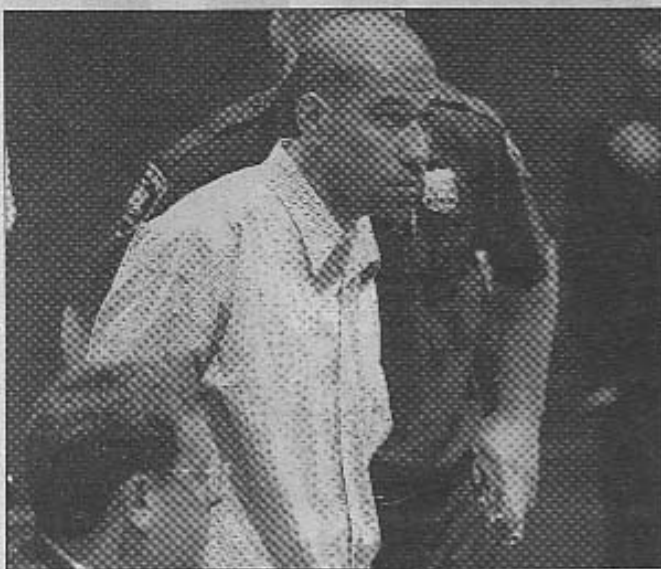
"Moises Valerio, you should be the dead one," Rosa's mother, Diane Rosa, said during the hearing. "You got your future in your new home — I hope you enjoy it."

"I know my baby is smiling in heaven."

Valerio apologized and pleaded for mercy as his lawyer protested prosecutor Michelle Goldstein's request that the sentences for attempted murder and murder run consecutively.

But after reviewing several appellate decisions, McGann declared there were three separate shootings, and agreed with Goldstein.

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Moises Valerio looks on somberly as he's sentenced to 75 years to life for fatally shooting a bouncer and wounding two others. Photo by Jesse Ward