

## OBITUARIES

**Robert Howard, 57, bus****The Register**

Robert P. Howard, 57, of Santa Ana, president of Security Financial Enterprises Inc. of Tustin, died Sunday in Auburn, Wash.

He also was the owner of Curtain Call Dinner Theater in Tustin.

Mr. Howard was born in Hartford, Conn., and was a former member of the Connecticut Legislature. He moved to Orange County six years ago.

He was a member of Sunrise Ro-

tary Club, the Republican Party, the International Association of Financial Planners, Springs Country Club in Rancho Mirage and Canyon Crest Country Club in Riverside.

Mr. Howard also was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member.

Funeral services will be held at 12:10 p.m. today at Holy Family Cathedral, 566 S. Glassell St., Orange. Burial will be at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Orange.

**R. Whitlock,  
44, Orange  
police officer****The Register**

Funeral services will be held Friday for Orange police officer Ron Whitlock, 44, who died suddenly last week while vacationing in Mexico.

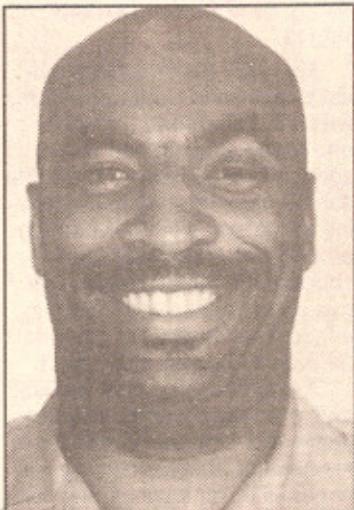
Orange police spokesman Sgt. Art Romo said Mr. Whitlock died Thursday night on an ocean cruise. He had left the ship in Ensenada. When he returned, he lay down to rest. A couple of hours later, his wife, Diane, found him unconscious.

Cause of death is unknown, pending results of tests, Romo said. Results should be known in about two weeks.

Services for Mr. Whitlock will be held at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Orange, 161 S. Orange Ave. Burial will follow at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana.

Romo said Mr. Whitlock was well-known among police for his glistening shaved pate.

He also was a perennial table-tennis champion in the Police Olympics, Romo said, winning national and international gold



**Ron Whitlock**  
Was department's court liaison

medals for years.

Mr. Whitlock, a 14-year veteran of the department, had worked in patrol and as a training manager. Most recently, he was the Police Department's liaison to Central Orange County Municipal Court in Santa Ana.

He also operated "Officer Squirt," a mechanical police car, in local schools. The car plays taped messages on safety. He helped write the script.

Besides his wife, Mr. Whitlock is survived by a daughter, 16, and a son, 9.