

Roll Call Of Honor

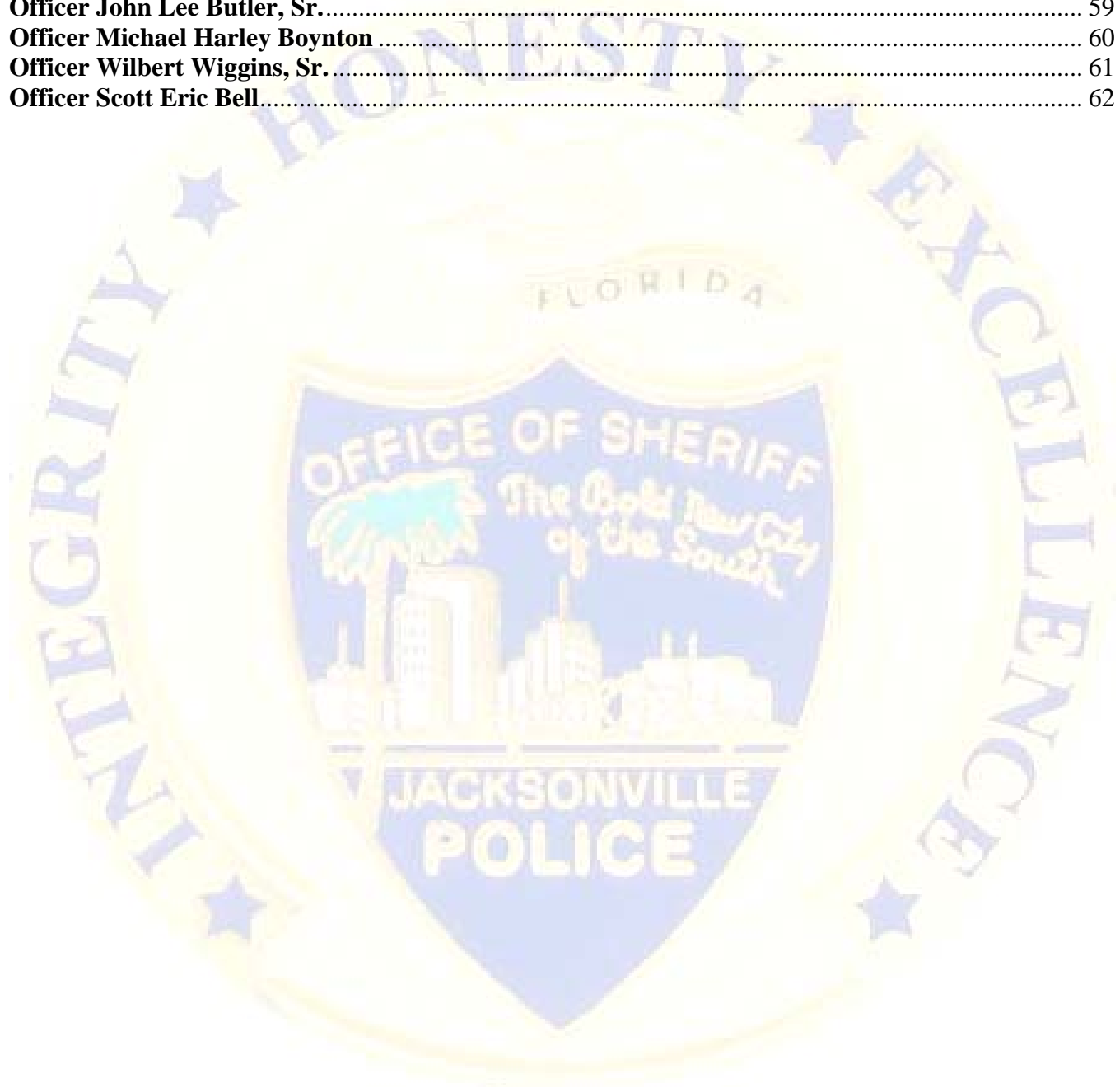
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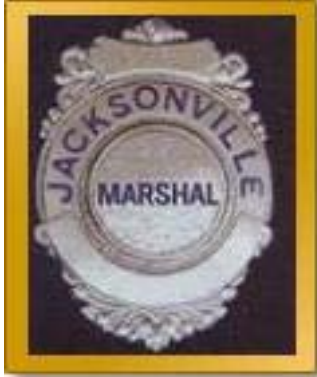
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(Town Marshall) Yeomans

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: 1840, 1841

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: Firearm, shotgun

Suspect Info: McMullen, Bryant

Jacksonville's first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty was named Yeomans, whom it believed was the next to succeed Daniel Hart in the post of Town Marshal. His first names and the exact date of his death in 1841 have been lost in the mist of time, but details of the incident remain.

T. Frederick Davis gives this account, "Two men from Tallahassee came to Jacksonville to paint the town red. They put a beam under the market building and turned it over on its side, then started for a high time in general." Davis goes on to say that Town Marshall Yeomans armed himself and went in search of the two men, whose names were McMullen and Bryant.

Sadly for Marshal Yeomans, the two rowdies found him first, standing in the doorway of a billiard room, and shot him down with buckshot without warning. A courageous citizen named Huffman rushed to Yeomans aid and was also shot by the men. Yeomans died but Huffman recovered. Both suspect escaped, one by switching his clothes with his mother while awaiting trial in the jail in Tallahassee for the Jacksonville murder. Yeomans' killers went unpunished.

Officer Ignatio Andrea

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Stabbing

Date of Incident: April 14, 1869

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: Knife

Suspect Info: Unknown, escaped from jail

Officer Andrea succumbed to stab wounds received one week earlier when he was attacked by a man who had threatened him on several occasions. The suspect was twice sentenced to death but escaped from jail and was never recaptured.

Officer William Johnson

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Assault

Date of Incident: April 10, 1870

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: Person

Suspect Info: Not Available

Officer Johnson succumbed to injuries sustained two days earlier when he was assaulted at a disturbance call. He encountered a drunken suspect who was extremely strong. The man picked Officer Johnson up and threw him to the ground, causing him to suffer fatal injuries.

Officer Johnson had been with the agency for seven years and was survived by his wife.

Officer Joe Nelson

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Assault

Date of Incident: June 26, 1880

Location of Incident: E. Bay Street near Hogan's Creek

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Ben Byrd, executed

On June 23, 1880, a labor disturbance broke out at Alsop & Clark's mill on East Bay Street near Hogan's creek, among the workers who demanded shorter hours of work. That night, five extra policemen were sworn in and sent to the mill to protect the property from firebugs, and on the 25th, two more were added. On the 26th, Joe Nelson, a policeman, was killed by Ben Byrd, one of the strikers, and the situation assumed a serious aspect. Following the shooting of Nelson, W.C. Cooper, captain of the city police, and John Keefe, a patrolman, went on duty at the mill. They remained all night. Early the next morning, a mob began to mass at the bridge farther up Bay Street. Keefe saw Captain Cooper advancing alone toward the mob and at once determined to share the danger with him. Upon the approach of the two officers, the mob fell back from the bridge and took shelter in the weeds behind the slab piles. The moment the officers reached the bridge, the mob opened fire upon the officers with pistols, rifles and shotguns. One of the mob had a Spencer rifle, but the man had his sights too high and the bullets went over the officer's heads. Keefe saw a man drop to one knee and let drive both barrels of a shotgun at him. Half a dozen buckshot struck his shirt aslant, made black dints in it and glanced off; however, two buckshot pellets penetrated the flesh and came out two or three inches beyond. The charge of buckshot spun Keefe around and burnt him like fire, but he charged on the man with the shotgun, knocked him down with his club and carried him to jail where he was sentenced to five years. The mob fled before the advancing officers. There was no more bloodshed and quiet was restored and the mob went back to work on June 30th.

Ben Byrd, who shot the officer, was hanged.

Officer Carlton Lowe

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: February 26, 1890

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Not Available

Officer Lowe was shot and killed after responding to a complaint of a cigar store owner about a man who was in his store near Bridge Street and Bay Street. Officer Lowe made the customer leave the store. The man left but turned around about one block away. He asked the officer what his badge number was. When Officer Lowe opened his coat to show him, the man took a step back, pulled out a handgun, and shot Officer Lowe in the chest. Officer Lowe struck the man in the head with his club and was then shot two more times.

Officer Lowe had been with the agency for 8 years and was survived by his wife and 5-month-old daughter.

Officer Ed Minor

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: April 5, 1895

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Simms

Officer Minor was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a fugitive who was hiding inside of a barn. The suspect was wanted for killing another man in a local bar. As the suspect was barricaded in the barn, Officer Minor entered and exchanged shots with the man. Officer Minor was struck in the chest during the exchange. He was able to walk out of the barn where he layed down and succumbed to the wound.

The suspect was arrested and hung three months later.

Officer Minor had been with the agency for 1 year and was survived by his mother, four brothers, and sister.

Officer W.E. Gruber

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Assault

Date of Incident: April 28, 1897

Location of Incident: Phelps Street and Liberty Street

Weapon Used: Blount Object

Suspect Info: Unknown

The exact circumstances surrounding the death of Officer Gruber are unknown. Officer Gruber was found deceased in a wooded area by a local citizen. Officer Gruber was struck in the head, crushing his skull, by a blount object.

It has been said that Officer Gruber was investigating a homicide at the time of his death. Additionally, due to his witness account that was forthcoming in court, he may have been killed by an individual involved in the homicide.

Officer Gruber's assailant was never found.

Deputy Sheriff Charles M. Sadler

Duval County Sheriff's Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: June 26, 1899

Location of Incident: Pablo Beach

Weapon Used: Handgun, Unknown Type

Suspect Info: Both executed

Deputy Sadler and Deputy Charles Jenkins were shot and killed while attempting to arrest a drunken man with a gun at Pablo Beach. The two deputies approached the man and each deputy grabbed one of his arms. The man pulled away from the two deputies, produced a gun, and shot Deputy Sadler in the heart. Although mortally wounded, Deputy Sadler was able to return fire as the suspect fled.

As Deputy Jenkins fired at the suspect, the man's brother came up from behind and shot him in the back. The second suspect then joined his brother in running from the scene. Deputy Jenkins succumbed to his wounds three weeks later.

An off duty Cincinnati, Ohio, police officer, who was on vacation, witnessed the shooting. The officer obtained a shotgun from his room and shot one of the suspects in the back of the head, wounding him. The officer turned the wounded suspect over to two deputies and then formed a posse in search of the other suspect.

Both suspects were convicted of murder and sentenced to death. One was hung on April 4, 1902, and the other was hung on August 7, 1903.

Deputy Sadler was survived by his wife, three daughters, and two sons.

Deputy Sheriff Dennis B. (Cap) Jenkins

Duval County Sheriff's Department



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Deputy Sadler was survived by his wife, three daughters, and two sons.

Officer Henry H. Raley

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: November 29, 1900

Location of Incident: Davis Street and Forsyth Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, sentenced to life

Officer Raley was shot and killed while attempting to arrest two drunken men near Davis and Forsyth Streets. As he walked one of the men towards a store to call for a wagon he was confronted by a group of the man's friends. The group demanded that the suspect be released. One of the men in the mob shot Officer Raley. The suspect was arrested and sentenced to life in prison.

Officer Raley was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and had been with the Jacksonville Police Department for only 6 weeks. He was survived by his wife and two children.

Officer Hezekiah E. Heirs

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 13, 1910

Location of Incident: Bridge Street and Church Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, sentenced to life

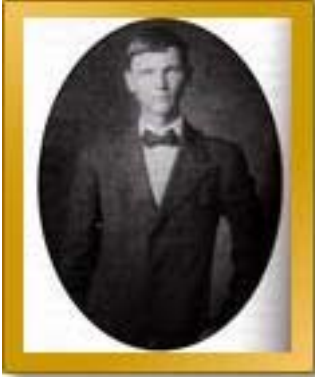
Officer Hires was shot and killed after responding to assist another officer in making an arrest. During the arrest the first officer shot and killed a suspect who was assaulting him. As Officer Hires came to assist the officer the deceased man's son shot Officer Hires in the back of the head at close range.

The suspect was arrested, convicted of second degree murder, and sentenced to life in prison.

Officer Hires was a U.S. Army veteran and had been with the Jacksonville Police Department for 10 months. He was survived by his father, two brothers, and sister.

Officer Luther B. Henderson

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: January 26, 1912

Location of Incident: W. Bay Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, acquitted

Officer Henderson succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained one month earlier when he was shot when he and his partner interrupted a burglary in progress at a cigar store on West Bay Street. As Officer Henderson watched the back door of the store he observed a suspicious man in the alley. He searched the man but failed to locate a handgun in one of the man's pockets. As the two talked the man pulled out the gun and shot Officer Henderson twice in the face.

Officer Henderson was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries two weeks later. The suspect was tried for Officer Henderson's murder but was acquitted.

Officer Henderson had only been with the agency for 2 weeks and was survived by his mother and seven brothers.

Officer Napoleon B. Hagan

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: September 22, 1913

Location of Incident: N. Myrtle Avenue and Dennis Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, executed in 1917

Officer Hagan succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained one week earlier while attempting to question a burglary suspect. Officer Hagan was on mounted patrol near the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Dennis Street when he spotted a group of men in an alley. He dismounted his horse and, as he approached the group, was shot by one of the men. Officer Hagan was able to return fire three times but did not strike the suspects. He was able to crawl back to the street where he collapsed.

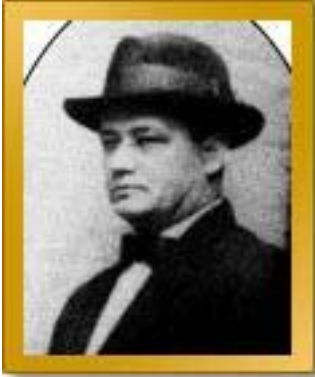
The suspect was arrested, convicted of Officer Hagan's murder, and hung in 1917.

Officer Hagan's brother, Detective Benjamin Hagan, was shot and killed in the line of duty on August 10, 1917. Detective Benjamin Hagan also served with the Jacksonville Police Department.

Officer Hagan was survived by his wife and two daughters.

Officer Benjamin F. Hagan

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: August 10, 1917

Location of Incident: W. Union Street and Johnson Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, shot and killed

Detective Hagan was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man who was in the act of committing an armed robbery at the intersection of Union Street and Johnson Street. Detective Hagan was able to return fire and kill the suspect.

Detective Hagan's brother, Officer Napoleon Hagan, had been shot and killed in the line of duty on September 22, 1913, while also serving as a member of the Jacksonville Police Department.

Detective Hagan was survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

Officer Charles J. Turknett

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: September 26, 1919

Location of Incident: Kings Road and Johnson Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Claude Howell, executed

Officer Turknett was shot and killed while attempting to make an arrest Kings Road and Johnson Street. Officer Turknett succumbed to his injuries approximately three hours after the incident. The suspect was wounded by the officer's gunfire. The suspect was apprehended approximately an hour after the incident. The suspect was hanged.

He had served with the Jacksonville Police Department for 14 years and was survived by his wife and three sons.

Officer Henry A. Everett

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: January 30, 1920

Location of Incident: 27 W. Forsyth Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, captured

Officer Everett was shot and killed while investigating a burglary at Newark Shoe store located at 27 W. Forsyth Street. Officer Everett discovered the doors of a shoe store had been tampered with and went inside to investigate. Officer Everett was shot by the suspects, who were standing in darkness, in a hail of gunfire. Both suspects were sailors and were captured. One of the suspects was shot by another officer.

Officer William J. Kelly

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: September 3, 1924

Location of Incident: Cedar Street

Weapon Used: Firearm, rifle

Suspect Info: Unknown, sentenced to death

Officer Kelly was shot and killed while attempting to arrest and take into custody some suspects at a brothel.

At about 3:15 pm Officer Kelly returned to a brothel on Cedar Street to make additional arrests after arresting a male and a female at the location. He had called for transportation from a nearby call box for the two he's arrested.

Upon returning to the house, he told the woman running the house to get ready to go downtown along with some men on the porch he was also arresting. As he stood in the doorway, he was shot by someone he hadn't seen from a back room. As he tried to exit, he was shot twice more. He flagged down a passing car and despite the gun battle, the two men in the car stopped and picked up Officer Kelly and took him to St. Luke's Hospital. Both men were also seriously wounded. Officer Kelly died from his wounds two days later at 10:00 am.

The shooter fled and was captured in New York City on May 7th, 1925. He was returned to Florida, tried, found guilty of first degree murder, and sentenced to be executed. No record exists of whether he was executed.

Officer Kelly was survived by his expectant wife, daughter, father, two brothers, and sister.

Officer Jesse J. Barber

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 20, 1929

Location of Incident: 1515 Davis Street

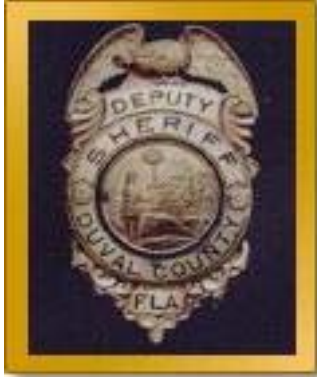
Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, shot and killed

Detective Barber and Constable L.M. Dyal were shot and killed when they responded to a disturbance at a local barber shop located at 1515 Davis Street. As they entered the shop the suspect opened fire from inside, striking both officers. Detective Barber died at the scene. Constable Dyal was transported to a local hospital where he died three days later. The suspect was shot and killed by a third officer.

Officer L.M. Dyal

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 20, 1929

Location of Incident: 1515 Davis Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

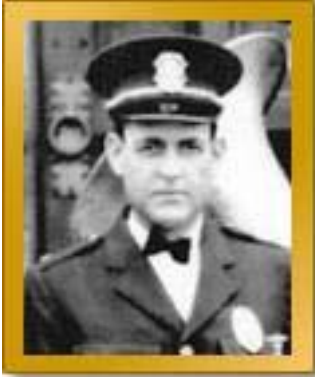
Suspect Info: Unknown, shot and killed

Constable Dyal and Detective Jesse Barber were shot and killed when they responded to a disturbance at a local barber shop located at 1515 Davis Street. As they entered the shop the suspect opened fire from inside, striking both officers. Detective Barber died at the scene. Constable Dyal was transported to a local hospital where he died three days later. The suspect was shot and killed by a third officer.

Constable Dyal was survived by his wife and three children.

Officer Willie D. Smith

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: January 19, 1930

Location of Incident: Duval Street and Liberty Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

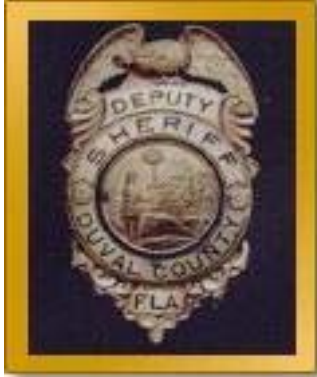
Suspect Info: Unknown, apprehended

Officer Smith was killed by three escaped convicts from Connecticut. Officer Smith and another officer did not know who they were when they walked up to them in their stolen parked car in the area of Duval and Liberty Streets to question them about several local robberies. They opened fire killing Officer Smith and seriously wounding the other officer. One of the suspects was apprehended the next day in Jacksonville. The other two were apprehended a few days later in Pensacola.

One of the escapees was serving a life sentence in Connecticut for murdering Trooper Irving H. Nelson of the Connecticut State Police on April 6, 1928.

Officer J. Thomas Watts

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 5, 1933

Location of Incident: 918 E. 7th Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown

Officer Watts was shot and killed while attempting to make an arrest at 918 E. 7th Street. Officer Watts was attempting an arrest when the son of the suspect attempted to free his father from the custody of Officer Watts. A gun battle ensued and Officer Watts was shot and killed. The suspect was shot and killed by another officer.

Officer John P. Ellis

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: September 11, 1937

Location of Incident: Main Street, South of Trout River Bridge

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Ellis was killed in a motorcycle accident on Main Street just south of the Trout River Bridge. Officer Ellis was escorting a wedding party when his motorcycle apparently started sliding after running over a patch of sand. It is unknown if a vehicle in the procession struck Officer Ellis after he lost control of his motorcycle. Officer Ellis was transported to the hospital, however, did not regain consciousness and succumbed to his injuries approximately an hour after the incident.

Officer Ellis had served with the Jacksonville Police Department for 12 years and was survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Officer Clarence E. Ballou

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: October 15, 1937

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Ballou succumbed to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident two days earlier while escorting the governor to a meeting. His motorcycle struck a pothole, throwing him into a telephone pole.

Officer Ballou had served with the agency for 11 years. He was survived by his wife and four children.

Officer Richard M. Scarborough

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: June 22, 1946

Location of Incident: 124 Cottage Avenue

Weapon Used: Firearm, shotgun

Suspect Info: Unknown, executed in 1948

Officers Scarborough and Dyal were shot and killed during a domestic violence call located at 124 Cottage Avenue. The officers had gone to investigate a report that a man was beating his wife. Officer Dyal, who arrived first, was instantly killed by a shotgun blast from the man as he mounted the stairs to his apartment. Minutes later he shot and fatally wounded Officer Scarborough when he arrived. The suspect offered no resistance when other officers arrived and took him into custody.

The suspect was convicted of both murders and executed in the electric chair on June 14, 1948.

Officer Ellis V. Dyal

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: June 22, 1946

Location of Incident: 124 Cottage Avenue

Weapon Used: Firearm, shotgun

Suspect Info: Unknown, executed in 1948

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Officer Fred W. Higginbotham

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: August 8, 1947

Location of Incident: Golfair Blvd. and Brick Road

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Higginbotham was killed in a motorcycle accident while on duty at Golfair Blvd, and Brick Road. Officer Higginbotham's motorcycle went into a skid after he attempted to avoid a collision with another vehicle. Officer Higginbotham succumbed to his injuries two hours after the incident.

Officer Higginbotham had served with the Jacksonville Police Department for five years.

Officer Robert Quincy Tucker

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: December 24, 1952

Location of Incident: 700 Liberty Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, executed in 1955

Officer Tucker was shot and killed while transporting a man to jail who was arrested for motor vehicle theft. The suspect suddenly produced a gun from beneath his shirt and shot the officer, killing him instantly. Another officer who was following Officer Tucker subdued the suspect when he fled from the patrol car and tried to get in another car that was stopped at a traffic light.

The suspect was convicted of Officer Tucker's murder and executed in the electric chair on April 18, 1955.

Officer Thomas A. Robinson, Jr.

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: December 16, 1953

Location of Incident: Normandy Blvd. and Cassat Avenue

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, shot and killed, executed

Officer Robinson was shot and killed by fugitives wanted by the FBI. One of the suspects was shot and killed while being taken into custody. The second suspect was convicted of Officer Robinson's murder and executed.

Officer Robinson had served with the agency for 3 years. He was survived by his wife and two sons.

Officer Napoleon B. Harvey

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, automobile

Date of Incident: October 2, 1956

Location of Incident: Normandy Blvd.

Weapon Used: n/a

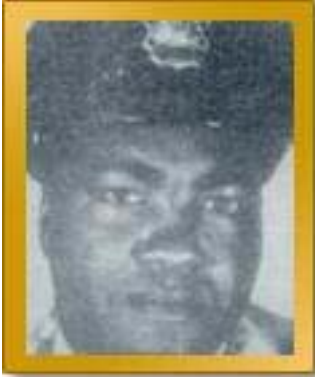
Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Harvey was killed in an automobile accident in the line of duty. Officer Harvey's patrol vehicle suffered a blowout causing it to go out of control. During the blowout, Officer Harvey was pursuing a speeding vehicle. The blowout caused Officer Harvey's vehicle to flip approximately 15 times, according to witnesses.

Officer Harvey had served with the Jacksonville Police Department for three years and was survived by his wife.

Sergeant Charles Sea

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 24, 1959

Location of Incident: N. Myrtle Avenue and Duval Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown

Sergeant Sea was shot and killed after responding to a disturbance call located at N. Myrtle Avenue and Duval Street. Sergeant Sea succumbed to gunshot wounds he sustained while attempting to make an arrest. The suspect pulled a gun on the officer during the attempted arrest and fired several times striking Sergeant Sea.

Officer Earnest Charles Register

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: April 20, 1960

Location of Incident: W. Beaver Street and Cleveland Street

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Register was killed in a motorcycle accident. Officer Register was pursuing a speeding motorist when he was injured. Officer Register was transported to a local hospital where he went into a coma. Officer Register succumbed to his injuries six months after the incident.

Officer Register had served with the Jacksonville Police Department for four years and was survived by his wife, parents and sister.

Officer William E. McCoolley

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic Crash, motorcycle

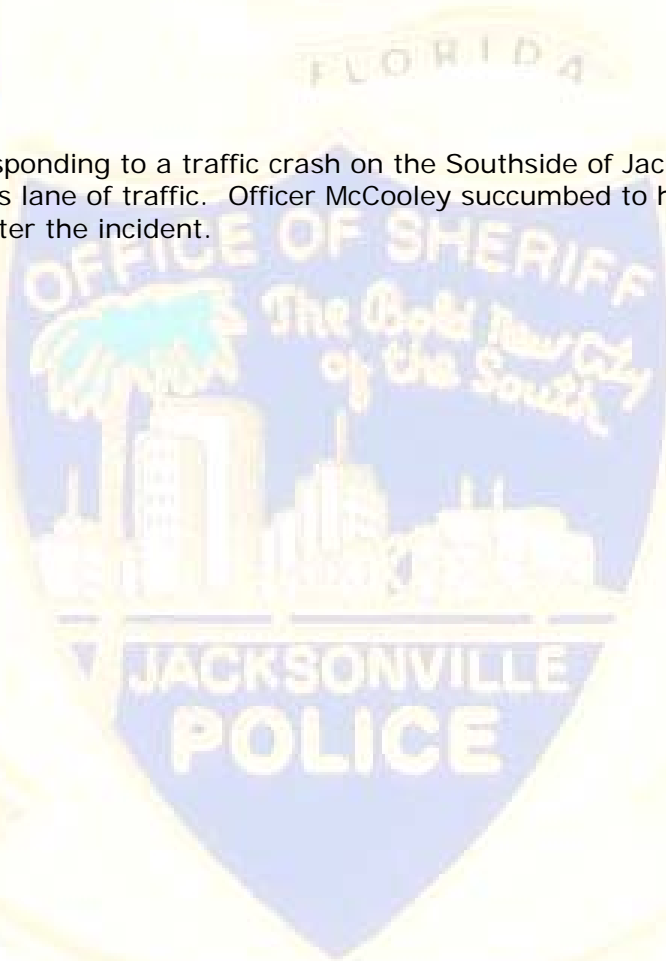
Date of Incident: September 5, 1962

Location of Incident: Beach Blvd. and Gerona Drive E.

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer McCoolley was responding to a traffic crash on the Southside of Jacksonville when another vehicle pulled out into his lane of traffic. Officer McCoolley succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital several hours after the incident.



Sergeant W. L. Griffin

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: July 29, 1967

Location of Incident: 1905 River Road

Weapon Used: Firearm, rifle/shotgun

Suspect Info: Unknown

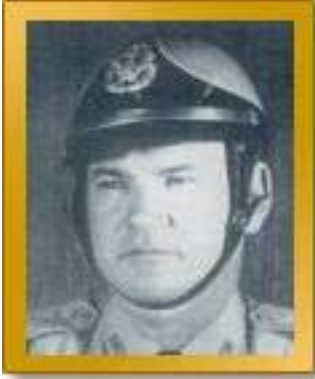
Sergeant Griffin was shot and killed during a burglary stakeout at 1905 River Road. Sergeant Griffin was assigned to the State Attorney's office as a special investigator. Due to frequent burglaries over a three year period, Sergeant Griffin, along with other officers, were assigned to a special stake out in the area of the burglaries. On the second night of the stake out, while police were inside a local residence, two suspects broke into the home. One suspect was armed with a shotgun, the other with a rifle. A gunfight ensued between the officers and suspects and Sergeant Griffin was struck in the crossfire by another officer. Sergeant Griffin succumbed to his gunshot wounds.

A total of eight arrests were made in connection with the burglaries Sergeant Griffin and other officers were investigating.

Sergeant Griffin was survived by his wife and daughter.

Officer Jake B. Edwards

Jacksonville Police Department



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: February 1, 1968

Location of Incident: Interstate 95

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Edwards was killed in a motorcycle accident. Officer Edwards lost control of his motorcycle on a local interstate during unknown circumstances.

Officer Edwards had been employed with the Jacksonville Police Department for 12 years and was survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Officer David H. Reese

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: February 28, 1970

Location of Incident: Liberty Street and E. Bay Street

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Reese was killed in a motorcycle accident. Officer Reese was injured when his motorcycle collided with a tractor-trailer. Officer Reese was transported to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries approximately an hour after the incident.

Officer Reese had been employed with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for nine years and was survived by his wife, son, parents, sister and two brothers.

Officer James Homer Moon

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: September 27, 1971

Location of Incident: Edison Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue

Weapon Used: Firearm, officer's handgun

Suspect Info: Calvin Wilbert, sentenced to life

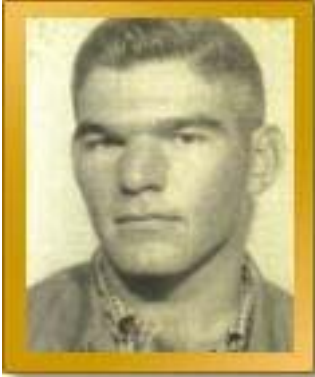
Officer Moon was shot and killed with his own weapon as he and his partner questioned a mentally disturbed person. During the interview the suspect attacked the officer and gained control of Officer Moon's revolver and shot him in the head. He then shot and wounded the other officer. As Officer Moon lay in the street other citizens stole his hat and badge.

Officer Moon's murderer was sentenced to life in prison but was eligible for parole in 2003. On February 11, 2003, the parole commission and reviewed his case. The parole commission voted to suspend his parole at that time. The suspect will be eligible for another parole hearing in September of 2007.

Officer Moon had served with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 2 years and was survived by his wife, son, parents, and two sisters.

Officer Edward James Parker

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: February 6, 1972

Location of Incident: W. 30th Street and Springrove Road

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, sentenced to life

Officer Parker observed a parked vehicle and pulled up behind it and exited his vehicle. He was checking on what he thought was an abandoned vehicle when the suspect jumped out and opened fire on him, striking him three times.

There were two females in the car with him that were being held hostage. The suspect had abducted them approximately thirty minutes prior to Officer Parker's arrival. The women were abducted from 5500 Soutel Drive. The suspect had already raped the woman in the front seat and was attempting to rape the second woman when Officer Parker pulled up behind them.

The suspect then stole an undetermined amount of money from Officer Parker's wallet, stole his service weapon, stole sixteen dollars from the two women and fled the scene. He was eventually apprehended and sentenced to life in prison.

Officer Parker had served with the agency for 9 years. He was survived by his wife and two daughters.

Officer Glen A. Rainey

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: August 23, 1974

Location of Incident: Hecksher Drive at Dunn's Creek

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Rainey was killed in a motorcycle accident when a man turned left in front of his motorcycle while he was on patrol on Hecksher Drive at Dunn's Creek Fish Camp.

Officer Rainey had been employed with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 17 years and was survived by his wife, daughter, son, two sisters, two brothers and mother.

Officer Michael David Stewart

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: April 27, 1975

Location of Incident: 9927 Atlantic Blvd.

Weapon Used: Firearm

Suspect Info: Unknown, executed in 1985

Officer Stewart was shot and killed when he and another officer responded to a sexual battery in progress at a restaurant located at 9927 Atlantic Boulevard. The other officer was shot and fatally wounded. The suspect was apprehended and executed for the murder on January 30, 1985.

Officer Stewart's death prompted a citizen campaign to donate money for the purchase of bullet proof vests.

Officer Ronald D. Florence

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Aircraft Accident

Date of Incident: January 8, 1979

Location of Incident: Atlantic Blvd and St. John's Bluff Road

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Florence, Officer Fred Lucy, and Officer Charles Thompson were killed when the plane they were flying in crashed. The three were on a trip to serve an out-of-town warrant.

Officer Fred L. Lucy

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Aircraft Accident

Date of Incident: January 8, 1979

Location of Incident: Atlantic Blvd and St. John's Bluff Road

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

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Officer Charles A. Thompson, III

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Aircraft Accident

Date of Incident: January 8, 1979

Location of Incident: Atlantic Blvd and St. John's Bluff Road

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

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Officer Martin E. Slater

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, automobile

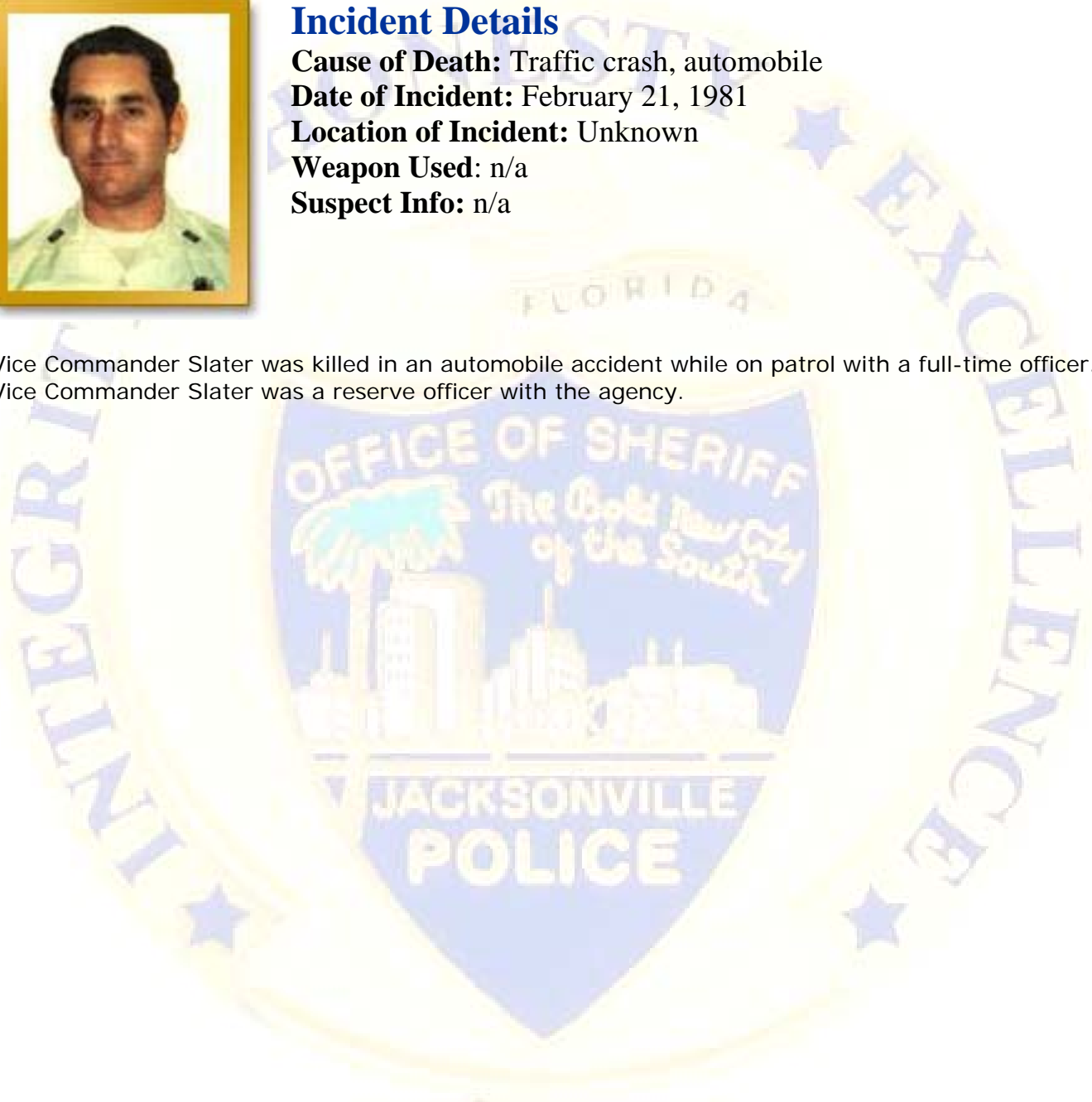
Date of Incident: February 21, 1981

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: n/a

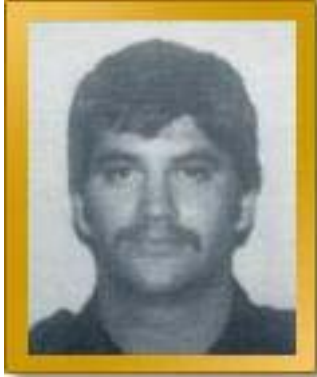
Suspect Info: n/a

Vice Commander Slater was killed in an automobile accident while on patrol with a full-time officer. Vice Commander Slater was a reserve officer with the agency.



Officer Thomas J. Szafranski

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 24, 1981

Location of Incident: 1500 N. Davis Street

Weapon Used: Firearm, rifle

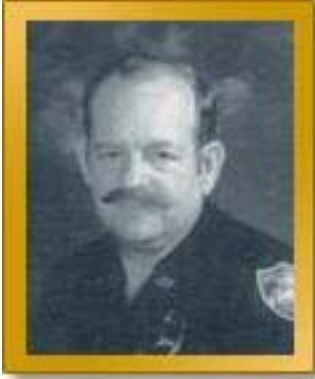
Suspect Info: Unknown, executed in 1998

Officer Szafranski was shot and killed by a sniper with a high-powered rifle while sitting in his patrol car near Davis Street and Sixth Street. The sniper shot him in the head in the unprovoked attack. The suspect was sentenced to death and executed on March 24, 1998.

Officer Szafranski had been with the agency for six years.

Officer Frederick Albert McCall

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

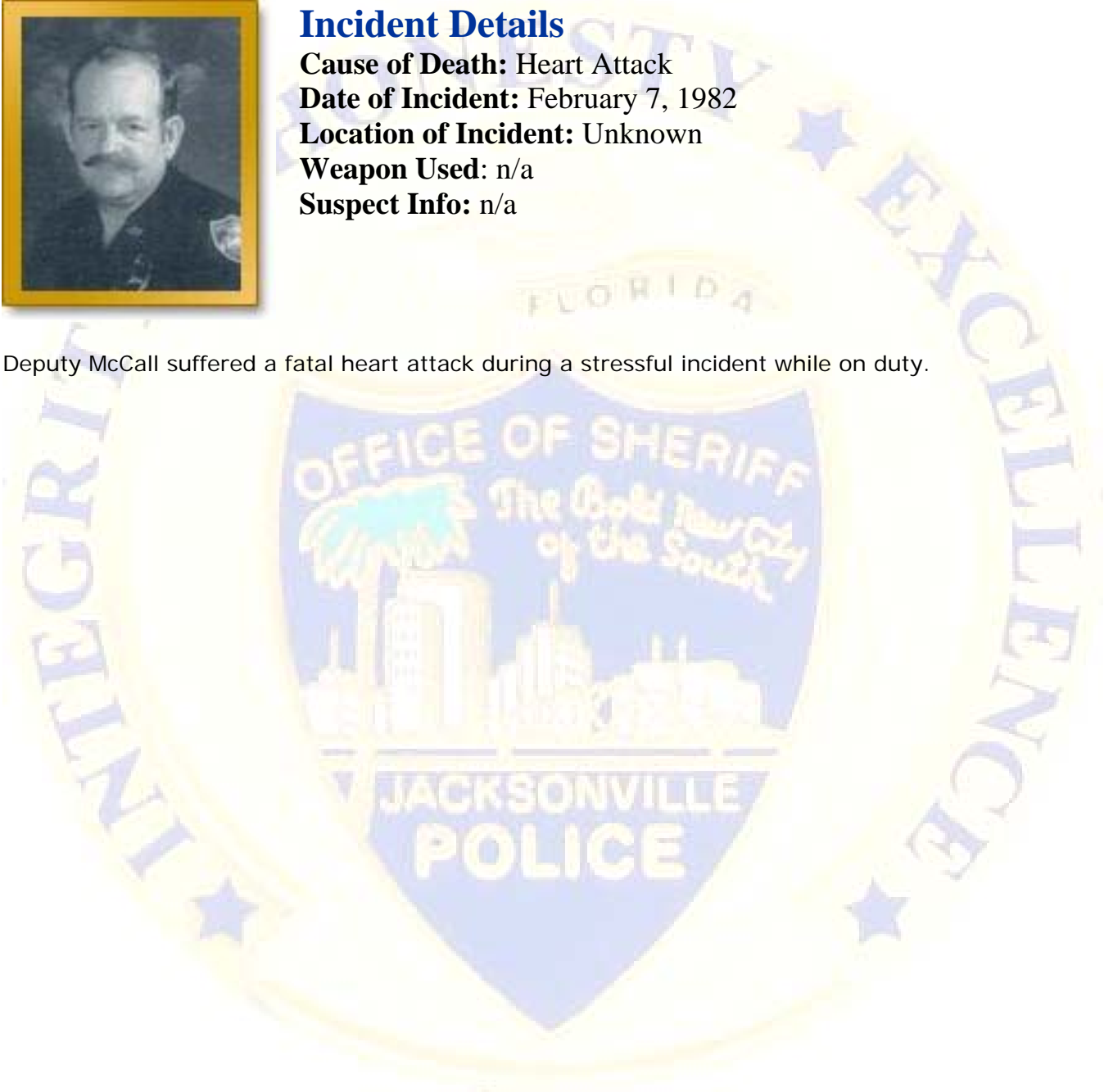
Date of Incident: February 7, 1982

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Deputy McCall suffered a fatal heart attack during a stressful incident while on duty.



Officer Gary Bevel

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 17, 1983

Location of Incident: E. 26th Street and Boulevard

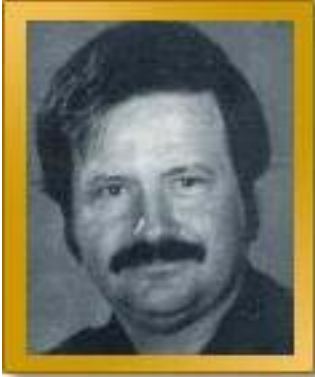
Weapon Used: Firearm, .22cal handgun

Suspect Info: Unknown, sentenced to life

Officer Bevel was shot six times and killed as he attempted to arrest a woman who had made a false report about damage to her car. The suspect was sentenced to death in four separate trials, but each sentence was overturned by the Florida Supreme Court and her sentence was subsequently commuted to life in prison with the eligibility of parole. In February 2007, her parole request was denied.

Officer Jeffrey Norman Ritchey

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: February 23, 1987

Location of Incident: Jammes Road and Anvers Blvd.

Weapon Used: n/a

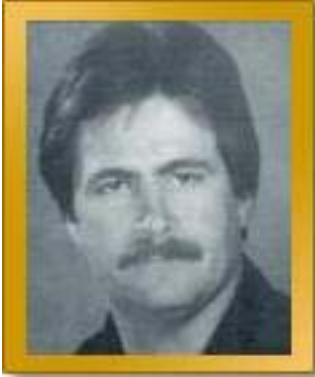
Suspect Info: n/a

Deputy Sheriff Ritchey was struck and killed by an automobile while escorting a funeral procession. The funeral procession was for one of four Forrest High School students killed in a traffic crash.

Deputy Ritchey was blocking an intersection for the funeral procession. He then proceeded to ride to the front of the procession when a vehicle turned left in front of him out of the procession.

Officer Charles R. Shinholser, Jr.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: December 14, 1988

Location of Incident: 10600 Old Kings Road North

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Shinholser, a motorcycle officer, was fatally injured on his way to work. A Ford truck turned into Officer Shinholser's path and he was thrown from his motorcycle.

At the time of his death, Officer Shinholser was campaigning to raise money for a national memorial for officers killed in the line of duty. Officer Shinholser recorded a song to jump start his campaign.

Officer Shinholser had served with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for over 11 years. He was survived by his wife, two children and brother who is also a Jacksonville Police Officer.

Officer Warren Corway Sanders

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: June 26, 1990

Location of Incident: Yellow Pine Drive

Weapon Used: Firearm, .45cal handgun

Suspect Info: Unknown, sentenced to death

Officer Sanders was shot and killed while he and his partner were on an undercover assignment. Officer Sanders was sitting in a vehicle with another undercover officer when a subject pulled up next to them. The subject recognized the other officer as a police officer and began to flee. The other officer chased the suspect as Officer Sanders subdued the passenger in the suspect's vehicle.

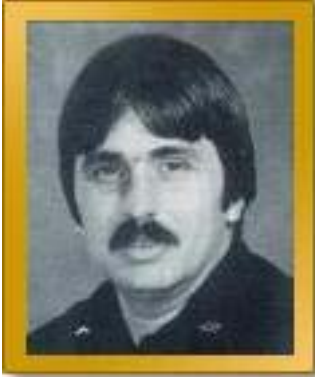
After subduing the passenger Officer Sanders went to assist the other officer, who had chased the suspect into an apartment. As he entered the apartment he was caught in the crossfire of a shootout between the suspect and other officer. The other officer was shot several times, but survived. Officer Sanders was shot and mortally wounded.

The suspect turned himself in several days later and was sentenced to death for Officer Sander's murder.

Officer Sanders is survived by his wife.

Officer Fred G. Lampe

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Heart attach

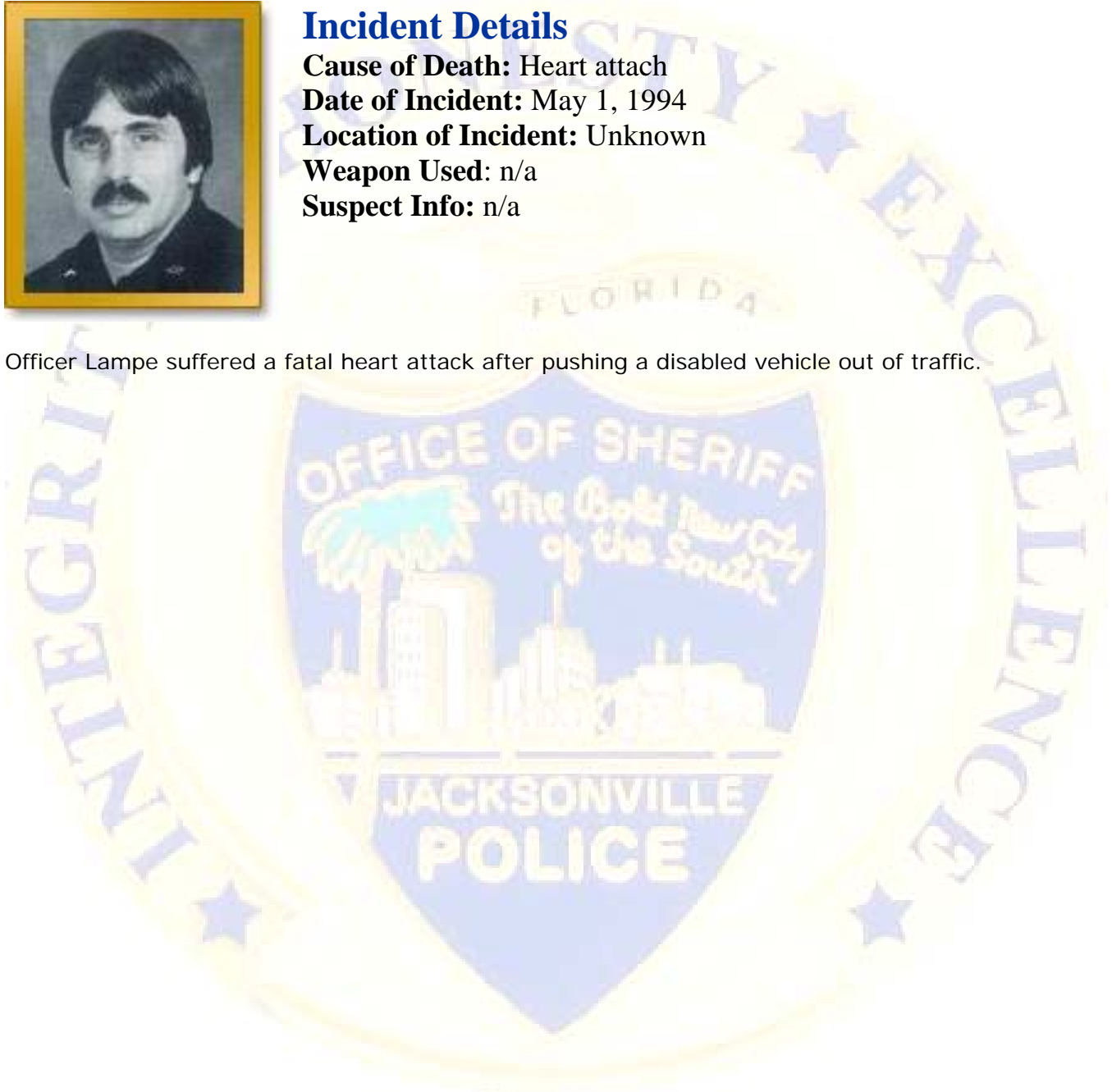
Date of Incident: May 1, 1994

Location of Incident: Unknown

Weapon Used: n/a

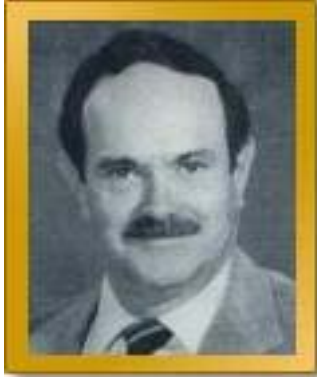
Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Lampe suffered a fatal heart attack after pushing a disabled vehicle out of traffic.



Officer Weldon Vanlandingham

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Date of Incident: September 9, 1994

Location of Incident: 330 E. Bay Street

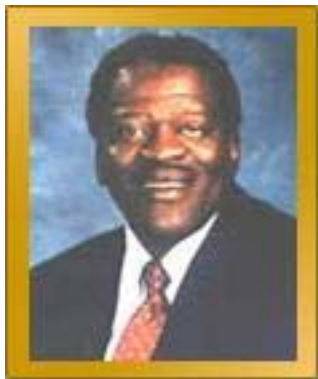
Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Valandingham was found slumped over the wheel of his patrol vehicle behind the court house at 330 E. Bay Street by a passer by. Officer Valandingham suffered from a heart attack.

Officer Lonnie C. Miller, Sr.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: May 6, 1995

Location of Incident: Basswood Street and Pearl Street

Weapon Used: Firearm

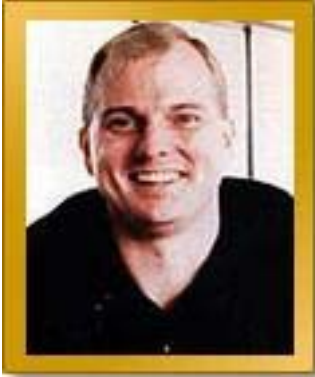
Suspect Info: Unknown

Detective Miller was shot and killed while assisting another officer with a burglary call. Detective Miller was approached by a suspect who attempted to rob him and then shot him.

Detective Miller is survived by his wife, four sons, and daughter.

Officer Ira Wayne Bramlitt, Jr.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, automobile

Date of Incident: May 22, 1995

Location of Incident: 500 Girvin Road

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Bramlitt was killed in an automobile crash in the 500 block of Girvin Road while rushing to help another officer capture two robbery suspects. He is survived by his parents, sister, and fiancée.



Officer Joseph B. Burtner

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: December 12, 1995

Location of Incident: 7343 Ellwood Avenue

Weapon Used: Firearm, AK-47

Suspect Info: Winston Dickson, Sentenced to manslaughter

Officer Burtner was shot and killed after he had responded to a suicide call located at 7343 Ellwood Avenue. He was ambushed by the suspect with an AK-47. The suspect had left a suicide message as the greeting on his own answering machine and the police were notified after it was heard.

After efforts to contact the suspect failed, a decision was made to force entry. Officer Burtner breached the doorway of the house and was fatally shot. The suspect claimed self defense and stated that he thought his house was being burglarized. The suspect was convicted of manslaughter, four counts of attempted murder, and one count of armed robbery. He is eligible for parole in 2008.

Officer Burtner had served with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 6 months. He is survived by his wife.

Sergeant James W. Ward

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Heart attack

Date of Incident: October 17, 1996

Location of Incident: University Blvd and San Jose Blvd.

Weapon Used: n/a

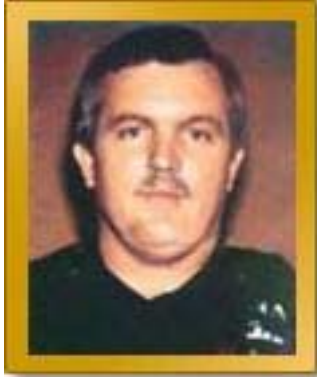
Suspect Info: n/a

Sergeant Ward suffered a fatal heart attack while on a call at a local shopping center. He was found slumped over the wheel of his patrol car in a shopping center parking lot.

Sergeant Ward is survived by his wife and two sons.

Officer John Lee Butler, Sr.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Heart attack

Date of Incident: March 10, 1997

Location of Incident: 3434 Blanding Blvd.

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: Unknown, apprehended

Officer Butler died of a heart attack at the scene of a standoff. Officer Butler had responded to a call of a man molesting his own daughter and upon arrival shots were fired at the officers. Officer Butler suffered the heart attack as he was in the process of rescuing a woman who had been pinned down between two cars by gunfire coming from the suspect. Officer Butler ran to her and gave her cover with his body as he returned her to a safe area.

The suspect was arrested later. Officer Butler is survived by his wife and children.

Officer Michael Harley Boynton

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash

Date of Incident: October 9, 1998

Location of Incident: 5900 W. 5th Street

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Officer Boynton was killed in a single car accident as he was responding to an accident with injuries. During the response he swerved to miss a dog and his cruiser then struck a tree on the driver's side. He was trapped inside for an hour before being freed and flown to a local hospital. Investigators estimated he was traveling at approximately 60 mph when the accident occurred. He is survived by his fiancée.

Officer Wilbert Wiggins, Sr.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash, motorcycle

Date of Incident: November 8, 2002

Location of Incident: 210 S. McDuff Avenue

Weapon Used: n/a

Suspect Info: n/a

Patrolman Wilbert Wiggins suffered a fatal heart attack while attempting to hook up a trailer to a police truck.

He and several officers were preparing to conduct a traffic operation on a local interstate, and Patrolman Wiggins was preparing some of the equipment. He collapsed as he was pulling a trailer towards the police truck. Other officers located him on the ground next to the truck after he failed to arrive at the location of the traffic operation. He was taken to a local hospital where he passed away the following day.

Patrolman Wiggins had been employed with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 41 years, and is survived by his wife and three children.

Officer Scott Eric Bell

Jacksonville Sheriffs Office



Incident Details

Cause of Death: Traffic crash

Date of Incident: October 12, 2007

Location of Incident: Heckscher Diver & New Berlin Road

Weapon Used: Automobile

Suspect Info: Pending

Officer Scott Bell was killed, on duty, when a vehicle pulled in front of his patrol car. Officer Bell was returning from a call on Heckscher Drive when a van traveling on New Berlin Road collided with his cruiser. Officer Bell's vehicle spun out of control, hit a power pole and caught fire. This is an ongoing investigation by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The officer was returning from a call on Heckscher Drive when a van traveling on New Berlin Road collided with his cruiser. Officer Bell's vehicle spun out of control and hit a power pole and burst into flames.

Officer Bell had served with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for 7 years. He is survived by his wife, mother, and brother.