

THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A solemn obligation



Detective Kaiser Bartecki
E.O.W. January 21, 1915

On February 11, 1911, one month after his appointment, rookie Officer Bartecki came across two suspicious men near a glove manufacturer at 1214 Dorr Street. When the men realized Officer Bartecki was there, they fired three shots at him and ran. Bartecki was not hit.

Nearly four years later, shortly after being appointed a detective, Bartecki was killed in the line of duty.

On January 21, 1915, a gunman by the name of Peter Skribner shot his girlfriend, Paulina Misum, because she refused to marry him. The shooting occurred on Kosciusko Street near Lagrange Street. Detective Bartecki, along with his partner Detective Palicki, pursued Skribner to 324 Kosciusko Street. Two more officers, Myers and Coder, helped them surround the house. Officers Palicki and Coder entered the front door of the residence and were told that Skribner had fled out the back. As Palicki and Coder left the house, they heard a shot half a block from the house. The detectives ran toward the sound and found their comrade laying face down in the snow. Detective Bartecki had suffered a fatal bullet wound to his stomach.

Skribner was soon apprehended and charged with murder. An investigation showed that Detective Bartecki had tried to use his revolver, but that the weapon had caught in his sweater. Detective Bartecki left behind a wife and two-year-old son, Victor. "I always told Kaiser to be careful" said Mrs. Bartecki, "but he would only laugh."

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