

Michalak, J. F.

Died 5/4/1967



Michalak

Michalak John T

Born June 22 1900

Appoint May 1 1926 3-nights with c

Ass,d May 4 1926 Beat by Chief H Michalak Jennings

Promoted Jan 1 1941 Det-Sergeant

" Jan 16 1945 Det-Lieutenant

Demoted May 14 1948 To the rank of Patrolman. Cause for de-

motion was that all promotions that are made after Sept 1 1937 were made illegally if the promotion was made without a competitive examination. In The Detective and Identification and Record Bureaus promotions were made without taking Civil service tests. State law specifically says that all promotions must be made from the list of competitive examination and in his case was not done.

Promoted June 1 1948 Det-Lieutenant. Jumped rank of Sergt

Retired Dec 1 1963 Serving 37 yrs

Died May 4 1967 After a brief illness.

He was the first member of a special squad that was the scourge of the underworld in the early days of 1930, during the era of the Thomas Yonnie Licavoli mob that played in Toledo. He was the first man picked by Captain George B Timminey for a special job to end the Gangland slaying and their warfare in the City. He and his partner Det Lieutenant Det John J Mc Carthy soon made head-lines in the Toledo News Papers as they ran rough-shod over the Racket-teers using the strong-arm-tactics of the under-world in their raids on all gambling and illegal drinking places, with the conviction of most of the members of the Licavoli gang in 1934, He was returned to the Uniform rank

for a brief period of time on the Moral Squad in 1936. He and his partner Det-Lieutenant John Mc Carthy were named as personal investigators by Safety Director Edward A De Angelo and they were assigned to drive all gambling and prostitution out of the City. The two men team was broken up in 1947 when Lieutenant Mc Carthy was shot and killed in a police car while he and two other young policemen were bringing 3 suspects to the police station for questioning. A year later Lieut Michalak was assigned to the Bank and bad check squad. After his retirement Chief Bosch said that Lieut Michalak's duties will be assigned to Lieutenant Edward Jaczynski.

Services were held Monday May 8 1967 at 9am in St Adalberts Church Burial in Calvary Cemetery.

His wife Nettie Michalak died at the age of 73, in her home 3122 Warsaw str. Sunday Dec 18 1972.

MICHALAK - Lieutenant John





Lieutenant



JOHN (JASCHA HEIFITZ) MICHALAK

Toledo's Finest

Playing "My Little Gypsy Sweetheart"



File No. _____

Toledo, Ohio

POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 2

1927

Sergeant

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Sir: - At 12:15 A.M. We went to Canton & State St. on ambulance call. Hauled Officer John Michalak to St. Vincent's Hospital. He said he was trying the doors of the Cameron Gas Station corner of Springfield & Southard and fell in the pit. The doctor said he had no broken bones but was bruised. We then hauled him to his home 3122 Warsaw at his request.

Back at 1:02 A.M.

Respectfully,
Radunz & Boland

Patrolman No.

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Form No. 21-1-6

File No. _____

Toledo, Ohio

POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 1

1927

Sergeant

Captain Wolf

At 12 P.M.

Officer John Michalak was trying the doors of the Cameron Gas station at State and Champlain Sts. He fell in the oil pit and injured his side. He was taken to the St. Vincent Hospital by officer Radunz and Boland.

R.H. Cusell Lieut.

Patrolman No.

Form No. 21-1-6

Toledo, Ohio
POLICE DEPARTMENT

.....December 16th, 1931.....19.....

Sergeant

Detective George Timiney: _____

Sir:-

At 9:15 A.M., we went to 618 Scott St., with Search Warrant for Liquor. Michalak & Corcoran went to front door and Powers and Freitag to rear door. Michalak rapped on door, and man came to door and peeked out window. Michalak showed him his badge and Search Warrant. He fumbled with the lock on inside and yelled something to woman in place. She started running for kitchen with a pan of Liquor. Officers kicked in the door and Michalak chased the woman to kitchen where she dumped about 1/2 Gallon of whiskey on floor. In scuffle with the woman, Michalak was kicked in the testicles, and knocked cold. In falling to floor his back was badly wrenched in coming in contact with corner of a chair. Officers mopped up about 1/2 pint of the whiskey, and arrested Mary Stou-bamire, 27, and Charles Brammer, 35, on Suspicion - pending outcome of injuries to Officer Michalak. While Officers were giving first aid to Michalak, the girl ran out the front door, and Freitag and Powers chased her to corner of E. Woodruff and Cherry before catching her. Michalak was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and given X-ray examination. While he is not seriously injured, he will probably be laid up several days. He is in room 122, St. Vincent's Hospital. Patrolman No. _____

Respectfully,
O. Freitag, W. Corcoran and C. Powers, Squad #1.

CITY OF TOLEDO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

~~A. P. FALLI~~

Albert P. Fall, Director

April 13, 1932.

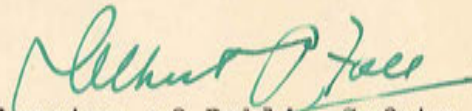
Mr. Louis J. Haas,
Acting Chief of Police.

My dear Chief:

A recommendation from Councilman Michael Urbanski that Officer John Michalak now operating Scout Car #2-2 be appointed a Detective, was turned into this office.

I am passing this on to you.

Yours very truly,



Director of Public Safety.

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April 15, 1932.

Mr. Albert P. Fall,
Director, Public Safety.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 13th relative to recommendation from Councilman Michael Urbanski that Patrolman John Michalak be appointed to position of Detective.

Patrolman Michalak has been in service since May 1st, 1926, or nearly 6 years. The youngest detailed detective, in point of service, has been in service more than 10 years.

We have endeavored to promote men according to merit and ability, and, there is no vacancy in our Detective Bureau at the present time.

However, I will state that we will watch this patrolman very closely and if shows marked ability, you may rest assured that I will concur in Mr. Urbanski's recommendation, passing this recommendation on to you.

Trusting that this explains matters, I am,

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Police.

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Toledo Police Department

January 25, 1933

Mr. Albert D. Fall,
President - Safety Luncheon Club.

Sir:-

At 1:00 A. M. January 8, 1933 Captain of Detectives G. Timiney, Assigned Detectives Manson, Michalak, A. Brown, Mecker and Patrolman J. McGuire arrested Robert Zwick, alias Raymond Miller, at Erie St., near Cherry.

Consistent efforts have been made in the past year to apprehend and arrest this man but up to this time all efforts had been without avail. Assigned Detective Manson located Zwick' car and called in for help. Patrolman McGuire, who was stationed on that beat, was assigned to watch the car and to signal the Detectives if anyone attempted to get away with the car. The Detectives then started searching all houses and places where they thought the culprit might be in hiding. In a short time Zwick appeared on the scene and when McGuire was making the arrest a woman handed Zwick a pistol and a shooting affray immediately ensued. The other officers, hearing the shooting, hurried to the scene and quickly and efficiently subdued the offender. Zwick had been shot several times in the head and Officers McGuire received a wound in the hip; both wounded men were taken to the hospital. Zwick was wanted in Cincinnati, Ohio for Murder and was to be questioned about numerous other shootings and killings.

Special credit is due Patrolman McGuire, who has just been a member of our force some six months. It is with the thought in mind to "give credit where credit is due" that I ask commendation be given all these men for their good work.

Respectfully,

R. E. Allen

Inspector of Police -

Louis J. Nease

approved.

F. J. Myers

approved.

January 26th, 1933.

Patrolman Jay Maguire,
Captain George Timiney,
Assigned Detectives:

Harry Manson,
John Michalak,
Arthur Brown,
Edward Meeker,

Gentlemen:

At 1:00 A.M., January 8th, you men effected the capture of one Robert Zwick, a notorious underworld character, wanted in Cincinnati on a charge of Murder, and for questioning in connection with various shootings and killings.

I regret that I was unable to attend the Safety Luncheon Club meeting of January 25th, in the Safety Building, to personally add my congratulations and commendations to those you received from the Commanding Officers of the Police Department who were present at that meeting, and for that reason I am writing each one of you to add my appreciation to theirs and to assure you of my high esteem for your courageous act; that the capture of this criminal required courage of the highest type cannot be doubted; his record was well known by all of you, and the information which finally led to his downfall was the result of months of patient work on the part of those concerned.

Your conduct, knowing that this man was a deadly killer and would resist capture as long as he was physically able, and your actions in the face of the murderous gun-fire with which he attempted to avert capture, are examples of the highest type of courage and efficiency, and set a high standard for other members of the department to strive for.

I trust it will be possible for you to drop into my office in the near future, as I want to personally congratulate each of you.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Public Safety.

Dec 28/34.

Captain G. Timiney;
Sir;

At 5:55 P.M. on the 25th of Dec. we were dispatched to 2421 Glenwood Ave, informed that people living here wanted to see 2 plain clothes men, Upon our arrival we were informed by Mr Heinemeyer that his brother Charles had been acting very queer lately and that the family was in fear that he would do them bodily harm, Mr. Heinemeyer then informed us that he was at 976 Islington, he went with us to this address where we found his brother in his bedroom, His brother done all the talking to him and stated to him that he wanted to talk to him outside, As we started with him downstairs on the steps off. McCarthy was in the rear of him, Michalak in the front this man got very violent and in the tussle he put his finger in Michalak eye cutting the eye, as this was a emergency Michalak went to Doctor Kreft's office where the eye was attended to. I made 2 visits to Doctor Kreft's office.

Respectfully,
J. Michalak. J. McCarthy. A. Brown.

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DIVISION

CITY OF TOLEDO OHIO

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M/M*

DETECTIVE

May Lose Eye

HURT BY PRISONER

Detective John Michalak, member of the police hoodlum squad, may lose the sight of his right eye as the result of an unusual accident last night.

The squad was called to a home in the 2100 block of Glenwood avenue to arrest an elderly man who police said had become violent.

As the man was being taken from the house he poked his finger into Detective Michalak's eye, injuring the eyeball. The detective was taken home and was treated by a physician.

MEANEST MAN

Cuts Down Tree

LITTLE CURRENT, Ont., Dec. 25 (P)—This Manitoulin island town believes it has the meanest man in Ontario. Early today he cut down the community Christmas tree on the main street which had been decorated and lighted preparatory to distribution of gifts to poor children.

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject Apartment House FireDate Dec. 14th 1939Sergeant Lieut. Klaiber:-Time 3:50 A. M.

Responded with #6 Scout J. Michalak + Rhoades #7 Patrol - Wilson + Rosanski, to fire at 140-144 Austin St. At 3:27 A. M. Special Call for more apparatus. I picked up Foot Patrolmen D. Larson and Neuensoff and took them to fire, where they remained until relieved at 7:00 A. M. Patrolman J. Michalak received an injured back in fall down a stairway and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital by #7 Patrol.

Patrolman Sergeant M. Maher Badge No. _____ Relief _____

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject Injured PatrolmanDate Dec. 14th 1939Sergeant Captain Russell - Sir

Time _____ M.

at about 6:09 A. M. there was a ambulance call to Locust and Austin St. report of a injured officer. It was Patrolman J. Michalak detailed on #6 Scout; A short time before #6 Scout was to a fire at 144 Austin St; while there Patrolman Michalak pulled 2 firemen from building who had been overcome by smoke, After reporting back

Patrolman _____ Badge No. _____ Relief _____

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject

Doctor Ensign notified by Hospital.

Date

19

Sergeant

Time

M.

back in service, he returned to the Fire to get more details from the Fire Chief, when he slipped and fell down the front stairs, straining his back, and other injuries, He was taken St Vincent's Hospital by #7 Patrol, where they will keep him for observation.

Patrolman Michalak requested not to notify his wife, said that he would take care of that later.

Patrolman

Respt. Lieutenant Maib

Badge No.

Relief

Maib



RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

March 5th, 1940.

Lieutenant H. Klaiber,
Sergeant M. Maher,
Patrolman J. McCarthy,
Patrolman J. Michalak. ✓

You are hereby commended for your alertness and fine police work which resulted in the capture of a burglar, Wm. C. Perry, about 5.00 AM, March 2nd, 1940.

It is this manner of work by our officers that makes it a difficult problem for criminals to ply their vocation in this city.

Further, this kind of police work causes the law-abiding element of Toledo to be proud of its department.

Respectfully,


R. E. Allen
Chief of Police.

Cy/ H. Klaiber File
M. Maher File
J. McCarthy File
J. Michalak File.

Inspector Roth
" Fauble
" Fruchey
" Erwin. ✓

Captains #1
" #2.



RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

April 2nd, 1940.

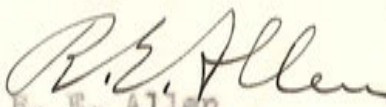
Patrolman J. McCarthy,
" J. Michalak;

You are hereby commended for your alertness on the night of March 6th, 1940, in noting a speeding auto on Manhattan Blvd. and giving chase, as your attention to this incident resulted in the arrest of four youths who were involved in one burglary, two purse snatchings, and the thefts of eight autos.

Also, the arrests of these four youths resulted in the recovery of property, and also the arrest of a "fence" on the charge of "Receiving Stolen Property."

It is this manner of efficient police work that makes it difficult for criminals to ply their vocations in our city and causes our citizens to merit their confidence.

Respectfully,


R. E. Allen
Chief of Police.

Cy/ J. Michalak File
J. McCarthy File ✓
Inspector C. Roth
" J. Fruchey
" C. Fauble
" E. Erwin
Captains #1
" #2.

July 1st, 1940.

Patrolman J. McCarthy,
" J. Michalak.

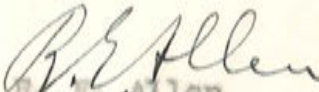
It is with pleasure that I commend you for your alertness and strict attention to duty which, resulted in the arrest of burglar who entered the Shall Gas Station, Lagrange & Manhattan Blvd. about 3.25 A.M. June 23rd, 1940.

It is quite evident that this man has been in other burglaries and his apprehension at this time will no doubt prevent some burglaries in the future.

Your excellent police work in this case demonstrates to the public and the city officials that our police division is deserving of the confidence placed in them.

With best personal wishes, I am,

Respectfully,


R. E. Allen
Chief of Police.

Cy/ Inspector Roth

" Fruchey

Captains #1

" #2

J. Michalak's File ✓

J. McCarthy's File.

No. 366.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE

ISSUED A

CERTIFICATE

TO

NAME John F. Michalak

RANK Lieutenant at Detectives

By R. E. Allen Chief

E. A. De Angelo
Director of Public Safety

G. N. Schoonmaker
City Manager

DATE 1-16-45

FOR Promotion to the
above mentioned rank.

FILE AS A PERMANENT RECORD

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject

Injured in fall

Date

2-13-48 19

Sergeant

Relyea

Time

10¹⁰/_P M.

#11 Scout dispatched to Edgar Sugar House at 369 Hamilton St. on an A.D.T. alarm at Division St. Cor Hamilton St. while walking down grade on Division St. I slipped on the ice and fell on my head, was checked over by internist at Mercy Hosp, causing a bump on back of my head

Resps

Patrolman

H. Michalak

Badge No.

232

Relief

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TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject

Injured Patrolman

Date

2-13-1948

Sergeant

Lieutenant McCluskey

Time

10⁰⁵/_P M.

On a call to the Edgar Sugar House; going down the hill along side of the place

Harry Michalak slipped and fell on

his head. He was examined at Mercy Hospital and was pronounced O.K. He had a bump on top of his head, and an injury on the wrist.

Patrolman

Sergeant A. Relyea

Badge No.

Relief

May 28th, 1948

Mr. John T. Michalak,
3122 Warsaw St.,
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Michalak:

In connection with the conference held in my office this date, you are hereby officially notified of your promotion to Detective-Lieutenant, Division of Police, City of Toledo, Ohio, which will become effective as of June 1st, 1948.

Yours very truly,

Edward A. DeAngelo
Director of Public Safety

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No. 366.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE

ISSUED A

CERTIFICATE

TO

NAME John T Michalak

RANK _____

By Ret Est Allen Chief

Edward A. DeAngelo
Director of Public Safety

George N. Schoonmaker
City Manager

DATE 6-1-48

FOR promotion to

Detective Lieutenant

FILE AS A PERMANENT RECORD

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject Injured while on duty

Date April 22nd, 1949

~~Sergeant~~ Mr. O. Green
Captain of Detectives;

Time _____ M.

While stepping off the curb, at St Clair and Madison Ave. while going to the Ohio Citizens and Trust Co. My right ~~foot~~ foot slipped off the curb to the pavement, and I injured my heel on my right foot, and the heel of foot has been paining me so that I can hardly step on my foot, This happened about 10:30 A.M. on this date.

Detective Sergeant John Connors, was accompanying me to the bank at the time.

Respectfully

John Michalak
John Michalak.
Lieutenant Detective.
Toledo Police Dept.

Patrolman _____

Badge No. _____ Relief _____

RETURNED EQUIPMENT LIST

12-16-63

Lieutenant John Michalak

1. BADGE
HAT PIECE Lieut. Coat Badge
2. IDENTIFICATION 54
3. GUN TPD 32 A
4. NITE STICK None
5. HAND CUFFS C357
6. HAND CUFF CASE C357
7. HAND CUFF KEY Yes
8. RULE BOOK 346
9. MANUAL OF LAWS 48
10. DISTRICT BOOK None
11. BCX KEY A 119
12. TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX KEY None
13. LOCKER None
14. LOCKER KEY

Received by:

E. E. Weeks

Captain

CITY OF TOLEDO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division of Police

December 16, 1963

Date

Board of Trustees
Toledo Police Relief and Pension Fund
Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I, John Michalak, having been a duly appointed police officer in the City of Toledo and contributed the required percentage of my monthly salaries to the Toledo Police Relief and Pension Fund and meeting other requirements as set forth in the Revised Code of Ohio, do hereby give notice to the Board of Trustees of the said fund in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the granting the pensions and benefits therefrom, to become effective on the 1st day of January, 1964.

Det Lt John Michalak
Signature

John F. Connor
Witness

TOLEDO POLICE DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF

May 5, 1967

With deep regret I announce the death of Pensioned Detective Lieutenant John F. Michalak, who passed away on Thursday, May 4, 1967.

Detective Lieutenant John F. Michalak was born on June 22, 1900, at Toledo, Ohio; was appointed to the Division of Police on May 1, 1926, promoted to Detective Sergeant on January 1, 1941, and to Detective Lieutenant on January 16, 1945; he was pensioned on January 16, 1964.

During his years of service he was held in high esteem by his fellow workers and citizens.

Body lies in state:

Urbanski Funeral Home
2907 Lagrange Street

Services:

8:30 A.M. - Monday
May 8, 1967
Urbanski Funeral Home

9:00 A.M. - Monday
May 8, 1967
Saint Hedwig Parish
2916 Lagrange Street

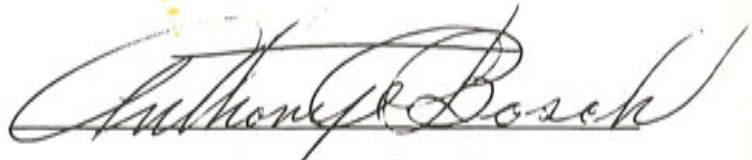
Burial:

Calvary Cemetery
2224 Dorr Street

Pallbearers:

To be selected by family

Motorcycle escort will accompany body to the cemetery.



Anthony A. Bosch,
Chief of Police.

Arrangements Approved:

Allen J. Andrews,
Safety Director.