

Fielding, Robert.







			Fielding	Robert	
Born	April	3	1894		
Appointed	April	1	1922	3-nights with older men	
Assigned	April	4	1922	Beat by Chief Harry L. Jennings.	
" " "	March	1	1926	# 4-Speed Car Monroe-Bancroft Str;	
Promoted	Dec	25	1935	Detective-Sergeant	
" "	July	1	1937	Detective-Lieutenant	
Died	May	10	1946	In his home. at 5:45pm.	

Serving 24 years.

Services were held . May, 14-1946. in Foths Mortuary. Burial was held in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were -- from the Masonic Lodge.

CITY OF TOLEDO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

J. C. NEWTON, DIRECTOR

JAY D. MARTIN, SECRETARY

December  
eight  
1917

Mr. Henry J. Herbert,  
Chief Division of Police,  
City of Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise you that  
I have this day appointed Robert Fielding  
to the position of Patrolman in the Divi-  
sion of Police, to take effect December  
tenth, 1917.

Yours truly,

*Geo. W. Skelding.*

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF OHIO

# Department of Public Safety

OF THE CITY OF TOLEDO

To whom all these presents shall come---Greetings:

KNOW YE, that Robert Fielding, of the City of Toledo,  
in the State of Ohio, on the first day of April 1922, under and by  
virtue of powers conferred on the undersigned by law, and the proper certificate from the  
Director of Public Safety of said City, was appointed to the rank of Patrolman  
in the Department of Public Safety, Police Division of said city.

Gilson D. Ligon  
Director of Safety

R. D. Hough  
Mayor



Toledo, Ohio  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

File No.

Nov 18 - 1924

Sergeant

Captain Schrader Sir

at 150 a.m. officer on #4 auto was out scouting  
for the safe crackers they found the rear window  
of the Lloyd monument works open the place had  
Ben Burghyzed the officers phoned in for some help  
detective Bush sent Officer Fielding Mc Lara & parmetering  
out in a Sped Car and while on the way <sup>their</sup> out these  
3 officers picked up 3 men in an overland Sedan  
at the corner of Monroe and ambrose ave and  
in the car the officers found a lot of burglar tools  
and one of the men had a revolver on him I think  
we have the safe crackers in the arrest of <sup>Patrolman No.</sup> these 3 men  
F. J. Rully Lieutenant

Feb. 29th, 1928.

Officer Fielding:-

You are detailed to the Detective Bureau  
effective March 1st, 1928.

Respectfully,

Cy/ Inspector of Police  
Chief Operator.

Chief of Police



# CITY OF TOLEDO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

ARTHUR D. HILL, DIRECTOR  
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



HARRY JENNINGS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Feb. 29th, 1928.

Officer Fielding;-

You are detailed to the Detective Bureau  
effective March 1st, 1928.

Respectfully,

*Louis J. Haas.*

Chief of Police

Cy/ Inspector of Police  
Chief Operator.



# GIRL ASSOCIATES OF GANGS HUNTED IN KENNEDY CASE

## Gaming Dens Told to Close in Drive to Starve Toledo Hoodlums

AUG 6 - 1933

City and county authorities turned last night to an old scheme and started a hunt for women associates of the Toledo and Detroit hoodlums who are wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Jack Kennedy.

Simultaneously with this movement, law enforcement agencies of both political subdivisions acted to comply with the demand of County Prosecutor Frazier Reams that all gambling resorts in the city and county be closed and kept closed.

The order of the prosecutor, contained in letters addressed to Sheriff David Krieger and Chief of Police Daniel Wolfe, are seen as material means of harassing and cutting off possible sources of revenue to the Yonnie Licavoli mob and other Toledo gangs.

**Records Checked**  
The policy of attempting to trace wives and other women relatives or associates of the fugitive gangsters sought for questioning was revealed when a county official conferred with John Louy, superintendent of the police Bertillon department, and detective bureau officials in an attempt to learn the identity of the fugitives' women associates.

The men sought are: Joseph (Wop) English, Ralph Carsello, Leo Morceri, John Mirabella, Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, purported henchmen of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, and Yonnie himself.

It is believed that if the women can be located and kept under constant surveillance it may be of material aid in the apprehension of the men wanted.

**Licavoli Tribute Charged**  
The letters sent to the sheriff and police chief by Mr. Reams asserted that "investigation of the Kennedy murder case has revealed that many well-known gambling places in the city or county either are owned by the Licavoli gang or pay tribute to it and that so long as this continues officers will be hampered in their search for the killers."

Operators of downtown gambling places did not wait for official police action on Mr. Reams' order—they closed.

The letters also suggest that in the event of "any uncertainty as to the places referred to a list of names and addresses will be provided."

The prosecutor's interpretation of gambling places was revealed to include baseball pools and race track books which are kept in many well-known downtown cigar stores some of which are known hangouts for police characters and hoodlums.

**All Must Close**  
Late yesterday Chief Wolfe issued written orders to all inspectors and police captains that all gambling establishments within the confines of the city be closed and kept closed and that the department should "use whatever force is deemed necessary to comply with the order." Sheriff Krieger issued a similar command to his men.

The action of the prosecutor in issuing his blanket order regarding gambling is another of a series of rapid-fire steps to harass and deprive the city's top-rank racketeers of their means of revenue.

It is the first move of its kind in recent history of the city and county has worried the big operators of the city's rackets and kept them guessing as to what's going to happen next.

Events yesterday, while not productive of developments worthy of mention in the murder investigation, did provide something for the citizenry in the way of excitement.

**Police Raid Spectacular**  
A police raid which might readily be compared with those described by writers of modern gangland fiction was centered on an upper duplex at 4224 North Lockwood avenue, and the Rosemary apartments, 3632 Detroit avenue.

Thirty-two uniformed patrolmen and plainclothes detectives at 10 a.

been forced out of business by the Licavoli mob.

**Shapiros Still Held**  
Men who still are held in the county jail for further questioning are Morris (Mose) and Huns Shapiro, reputed slot machine operatives, and Pallazola.

Also hunted is John Rose, erstwhile operator of the Golden Rose night club in Point Place, and close associate of Firetop Sulkin, to whom Sam Stein has admitted giving one of the weapons used in the Kennedy slaying.

Slot machines last night were still out of sight in downtown and residential district eating houses, cigar stores and poolrooms, while owners of the machines wait patiently for "this thing to blow over." It is not, however, the intention of Prosecutor Reams to permit the drive to cool, for he has stipulated expressly that there be no letup in the offensive along this line.

## PROBERS FIND NEW KENNEDY MURDER CLUES

### Killers' Rendezvous on Milburn Avenue Reported Found

### ROSE PICKED UP Former Operator of Supper Club Will Be Questioned

The spotlight of the combined city-county Jack Kennedy murder investigation today was turned once again on the States Sales and Service Co., purported Milburn avenue slot machine headquarters of the Yonnie Licavoli gang, as a result of information given investigators that the slayers of the young gangster used the place as a rendezvous before and after the murder.

In addition, it was learned yesterday from an authoritative source

that the investigators have uncovered definite information regarding a third weapon believed to have been used in the killing of Kennedy July 7 at Point Place, which will enable them to trace the weapon to one of the slayers.

**Details Withheld**  
These two developments—viewed by authorities as among the most valuable clues uncovered thus far in the probe—came as a startling conclusion to a week-end over which the investigation and drive against racketeers and racketeering simmered and cooled for want of activity.

Although officials directing the investigation refused to divulge details of their information, it was believed to be sufficient to substantiate persistent rumors that the mysterious third weapon was taken to the Milburn avenue place and thoroughly cleaned immediately after the murder.

**Gun Clue Followed**  
There also have been reports that the weapon was concealed in the Milburn avenue place for several days until the order of Prosecutor Frazier Reams to seize all slot machines directed attention to the various "sales companies" used as headquarters by owners of the machines.

Several purported employees of the company, which was said to have been operated by Licavoli after his gang had muscled in on William Poulos, Cherry street, and forced him out of business, already have been questioned by the investigators and it is anticipated the

new developments will result in closer interrogation of these men and others said to have been connected with the place.

**Lupica Released**  
Sebastian Lupica, said to have been one of the operators of the State Sales and Service Co., was released on bond Saturday from the county jail, where he was held as a material witness in the Sam Stein murder trial. Property valued at approximately \$12,500 was provided by three friends to insure his appearance at the summons of the prosecutor.

The re-opening of the investigation today also will be featured by questioning of several other personages of the Toledo underworld.

Chief of these so-called brighter lights of the local "inner circle" is John Rose, former bondsmen's runner who graduated into the underworld and at one time was the operator of the Golden Rose Supper club in Point Place.

**Club Closed by U. S.**  
This place, a Licavoli enterprise, was closed by the government investigation which resulted in the conviction of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli and several of his aids of national prohibition law violations.

Rose, who also is a close friend of Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, Licavoli lieutenant, who is said by police to have been given one of the revolvers used in the Kennedy murder, was picked up at Bancroft street and Vermont avenue, late Saturday, by Detective Capt. George Timiney, who is leading the search for fugitives wanted for questioning in the probe.

**Rose to Appeal**  
Capt. Timiney, however, permitted Rose to remain at liberty after exacting a promise he would appear voluntarily today before Prosecutor Frazier Reams for questioning.

Prosecutor Reams also is hopeful that the ownership of the maroon Ford V-8 sedan which is believed to have been used in the murder, also will be cleared today with the questioning of Sam (Slim) Pallazola, partner of "Chalky Red" Yaranowski, in the operation of the Black and Tan, Canton street cabaret.

It first was believed the car was the property of Yaranowski but he denies this although he did assert he believed the auto had been loaned to a "couple of fellows" on the night of the murder by someone at the Black and Tan. Police now are of the opinion the car is Pallazola's and Mr. Reams hopes Pallazola, who has been held at the county jail since Saturday, will admit this today.

**Arrested in Raid**  
He also hopes that Pallazola will identify the "couple of fellows" to whom the vehicle was loaned.

Pallazola was arrested by some 30-odd patrolmen and detectives who raided an upper duplex at 4224 North Lockwood avenue, Saturday on orders of Chief of Police Dan Wolfe, who had received a report that men sought for questioning in the murder probe were in hiding there. The raid was not productive of any arrests except that of the cabaret operator.

Meanwhile police and deputy sheriffs, working under precise and specific orders to permit no gambling establishments to operate twiddled their fingers and waited for a gambling house to open up so they could raid it. The operators of the alleged house, also

twiddled their fingers, albeit a bit more impatiently than their uniformed fellows, and hoped the whole business will "blow over" pretty soon so they can begin work again.

**Slot Machines Idle**  
This, however, appears very unlikely for Mr. Reams has no intention of letting up on his drive to cripple the racketeers and their rackets by depriving them of their main sources of income.

In addition to the drive against gambling houses, police and deputies also are under orders to confiscate all slot or vending machines found in operation and this is causing some of the more prominent owners of the 3,500 to 5,000 machines in the Toledo area no little concern.

Patrolman Henry Wongrowski last night confiscated a five-cent slot machine in a confectionery at Oak and Fassett streets.

The fugitives who are being sought are: Ralph Carsello, John Mirabella, Joe (Wop) English, Sulkin and Licavoli.

**Fugitives Vanish**  
Sam Stein, who has been charged with first degree murder in connection with the Kennedy slaying, has admitted, police say, that he gave one of the weapons used in the murder to Sulkin.

Carsello, Mirabella and English, who were held for several days during which time they were questioned repeatedly by members of the prosecutor's staff, were given their liberty with the understanding they would re-appear for questioning when called. They didn't take the promise seriously, apparently, for they haven't been around much since and thus far have successfully avoided police and deputies who are seeking them.

## MURDER SUSPECT TO RETURN HERE

### Detectives Will Bring 'Wop' English From Akron Today

Captain George Timiney and two other detectives will go to Akron today to return Joe (Wop) English to Toledo as a suspect in the Jack Kennedy slaying.

English was arrested yesterday with George Sargent, an alleged gunman, when police forced their way into the apartment occupied by the two men and a woman.

Police said when they crashed into the apartment English grabbed a gun and crawled under a bed. They said he surrendered without a shot being fired when the officers threatened to shoot.

English was arrested here shortly after the Kennedy murder, but was released after being questioned by Prosecutor Frazier Reams. He was released on word from his attorney that he would appear for questioning when wanted. He, however, fled from the city together with other Licavoli aids.

Mr. Reams said English will be held without charge until the grand jury is in session next week.

## WOP ENGLISH BACK IN TOLEDO PRISON

### Hoodlum Caught Under Bed To Be Grilled in Slaying

Joe (Wop) English, 34, Toledo hoodlum, was brought here from Akron and booked at the Safety building on a charge of suspicion early this morning.

English was returned here by Detective Captain George Timiney and Detectives James Tafelski and Robert Fielding. He was arrested by Akron police under a bed here Thursday.

English is scheduled to be questioned by county authorities in connection with the slaying of Jack Kennedy in Point Place, July 7.

## 'WOP' ENGLISH BROUGHT BACK

### Two Others Arrested in Akron Eliminated as Suspects in Toledo Rackets

Joe (Wop) English, suspect in the Jack Kennedy murder, was brought to Toledo from Akron early Saturday by Detective Capt. George Timiney and Detectives Robert Fielding and James Tafelski and lodged in the Safety building.

English was returned on a common pleas court capias which names him as a state witness against Sam Stein, pawnbroker's clerk, who was indicted for first degree murder in the Kennedy slaying. An identical indictment against English is expected soon. Meanwhile, he will be held for Prosecutor Reams who was to question him later in the day.

Capt. Timiney said the Licavoli gangster probably will spend the week-end in the Safety building and afterward be transferred to the county jail. In the jail is Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, lieutenant of the Yonnie Licavoli gang, to whom Stein said he sold a .45 caliber automatic pistol police declare was used to kill Kennedy. Stein is free on \$5000 bail.

"Wop" English was obviously worried. The Toledo detectives estimated he has lost 20 pounds since he was released, more than a month ago, after spending two weeks in the county jail as a suspect in the Kennedy murder. The once swarthy face of the ex-boxer is elongated

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Judge Stuart ordered the jury assembled in its box and sent for English's attorneys, DeWitt Fisher and H. A. Bianci, and the prisoner. The courtroom was packed as the principals assembled for the reading of the verdict. The throng was tense as the slip of paper was handed to the clerk, Herbert Buck. As the clerk drew out the finding of the jury the room remained tense. No one moved after the word "guilty" had been pronounced. It was as if they were expected a mercy recommendation.

**Courtroom Thrown Into Uproar.**

Then, as the clerk ceased speaking and handed the folded verdict to Judge Stuart, English swayed in his chair beside his attorneys. Attorney Bianci leaped to his feet and demanded an opportunity to poll the jury. Simultaneously, Mrs. English screamed and rose to her feet. She continued to scream in Italian. As Bianci questioned each juror as to whether or not this was the verdict they had agreed upon, English's face became even more pale than his stay in the county jail had bleached it. He made as if to rise from his chair then toppled to the floor and lay still. Reporters scrambled for telephone. The crowd behind the spectator's guard rail surged slightly and deputy's lifted English from the floor and carried him in their arms into the judge's office. Mrs. Lida I. Croll, 1110 Woodward avenue, Juror No. 2, was so affected by the screams of Mrs. English that she broke out crying herself, while other women of the jury turned their faces away from the crowd in the courtroom.

After English had made his hysterical plea to Judge Stuart, deputies told him they were going to take him back to the jail. "Don't take me out yet," he pleaded hysterically. "Wait a few minutes."

The deputies waited a few minutes and then picked him up and carried him from the room. In the corridor outside another crowd of curious was waiting.

**Resentment Hinted.**

Attorney Bianci was bitterly disappointed with the results. "I will move to have this verdict set aside on the grounds that it is contrary to the evidence," he said. "And I will add this: In all my experience, I have never seen so little evidence on which a jury finding could be made as in this case."

The Akron lawyer thanked Judge Stuart for his fairness, but informed the judge he could not be satisfied with the verdict and intimated he harbored considerable resentment against what he called "unfair tactics" by the prosecutors.

English was walking steadily and appeared to have regained his composure, altho he still was exceedingly pale, when he reached the corridor after his wild outbreak.

He was handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff Fred Potts and led by Deputy Clarence Fall, who helped carry him from the courtroom, after his dramatic collapse.

**Bids Judge Good-by.**

As English left Judge Stuart's chambers, he turned and said: "Good-by judge."

"Good-by," replied Judge Stuart. The thought of being carried from the chambers apparently had steadied the former professional pugilist, and his composure was more marked as he left the courthouse.

Shortly after the verdict had been pronounced, Prosecutor Reams said the police guard would be removed from the state's star eyewitnesses, Robert Schwaite and Harry Craig, who identified English as one of two gangsters who shot Kennedy.

"No one is going to hurt those boys," the prosecutor declared.

**Trial Lasts Two Weeks.**

The long trial of English, which has lasted two weeks, reached its final stages with the presentation of final testimony and arguments by opposing counsel, followed by the judge's charge.

Prosecutor Frazier Reams and his assistants, Joel Rhinefort and Arnold Bunge contended in their arguments that the state had shown beyond any doubt that English murdered Kennedy and each of the three asked the jury to exact the supreme penalty for the crime.

All of them contended that English was a "leech on society," and a "member of an organized gang headed by Yonnie Licavoli."

**Ask Gang Riddance.**

They stressed the importance of ridding the city of gangsters and the duty which jurors have toward the community in this regard.

Mr. Reams said the crime had all of the essentials of a well-arranged plot to assassinate Kennedy because he had beaten John Mirabella, one of the Licavoli gang.

Defense Attorneys Fisher and Bianci of Akron pleaded with the jury to acquit English. They contended the state was trying to send him to the electric chair on the flimsiest of evidence because he had a criminal record.

**Couns English Friend.**

Fisher said he had known English for many years and counted him as a friend.

Bianci in an eloquent plea denounced the "Clark brothers," special investigators who assisted in the Kennedy murder probe. He accused them of using third degree methods and of drumming testimony into state witnesses by auto-suggestion.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Stuart submitted three prepared verdicts on which he told the jury it was legally entitled to vote. One called for a verdict of guilty without mercy, one for guilty with mercy and the third for not guilty.

Kennedy was slain at 140th street and Edgewater drive in Point Place while he was strolling in the moonlight with his girl friend, Miss Audrey Ralls, beauty contest win-

# 'Wop's' Collapse, Willingness To Squeal Disproves Myth That Gunmen Can Take It

By DONALD POND

THE "Wop" couldn't take it! His head began to nod crazily; his hands twitched; he slumped out of his chair; a deputy sheriff caught him—and an old adage of the police was proven before a courtroom of curious persons who

had come to see a gangster face justice.

"They can't take it," the police say scornfully. "They're yellow, all of the hoodlums. They're brave when they have a gun and they can sneak up behind you, but they can't take it—not at all!"

And Joe English, the prizefighter who gloried in his toughness, who wanted the name of "Wop" English to be in the headlines, proved their point.

His wife wanted to fight back. She screamed at the jurors. She tried to fight her way thru a crowd and past deputies to scream her defiance at the judge. But, the Wop couldn't take it at all. First he sat perfectly still in what seemed a masterpiece of control, but what seems now to have been the paralysis of utter terror.

Then he collapsed. They carried him into Judge Roy R. Stuart's chambers and there he lay, the waxy, ghastly pallor of the dead on his face. The first thing he did when he recovered was to prove again that he couldn't take it.

The gangsters of lurid fiction and equally lurid movies never squeal because of loyalty to their comrades in crime. Wop wanted to squeal. He said so. He wanted to squeal badly. But, he didn't dare.

"They would slit my tongue," he mumbled, semi-conscious on the sofa in the judge's little office. "They would gouge out my eyes. They would cut out my in'ards. They would throw me to the dogs. They would fry me."

His mumblings were fantastic—and horrible.

After Judge Stuart had silenced him, the "Wop" begged hysterically to be left on the sofa. He didn't want to go back to the jail. The deputies agreed to carry him. Somebody mentioned the crowd in the corridor. Then Wop remembered, too late, that gangsters are tough.

He rose and squared his wide shoulders. His attitude seemed to say, "Well, I can take it."

But his actions had showed he couldn't.



This photo shows the collapse of Joe (Wop) English. Deputy Fred Pautz is trying to revive him.

## The English Verdict

GANGDOM'S challenge to organized society in Lucas county has been answered.

After riding high, wide and handsome down our highways for more than two years, the racketeer today is slinking thru the alleys.

Joe "Wop" English was a member of the Licavoli gang. He had a part in the pernicious system which collected thousands of dollars in tribute from our community under a reign of terror and extortion. It was a system which took human lives when they stood between the gang and its mad desire for more wealth and more power.

The conviction of English is but a start in bringing to justice those in whose hands rested the authority for the underworld mob. Prosecutor Reams' drive for law, order and decent living must go on and we have every reason to believe it will.

## DEFENSE ASKS NEW TRIAL FOR 'WOP' ENGLISH

Motion Filed as Jail Guards Are Increased To Prevent Delivery Attempt

A motion for a new trial for Joe (Wop) English, convicted slayer of Jack Kennedy, Toledo bootlegger, was filed in common pleas court Monday as the guard at the county jail was increased to prevent possible attempts to deliver English. No action was taken.

by Judge Roy Stuart.

Presence in Toledo Sunday of James Licavoli, Detroit gangster, with three swarthy companions, caused the additional precautionary measures at the jail Monday.

Detectives James Tafelski and Robert Fielding of the police hoodlum squad, spotted Licavoli and three men riding in a Ford V-8 sedan at Madison avenue and Erie street, four blocks from the jail, at 3 p. m. Sunday but lost the car in a chase thru downtown traffic.

The detectives recognized Licavoli, who has been arrested here before and ordered to stay out of Toledo. They have no specific charge to place against him but would have arrested him under standing orders to bring in all known hoodlums, they said.

**Prejudice Is Claimed.**

The motion for a new trial declared the verdict, which condemns English to death in the electric chair, was influenced by passion and prejudice and charges misconduct by the prosecuting attorney and the jury, which found him guilty. The court is charged with error in receiving evidence over defense objections.

Defense Attorney A. J. Bianci left Toledo for his home in Akron, O., Saturday night, several hours after English had been convicted in common pleas court.

**Jail Closely Guarded.**

Sheriff Krieger left Toledo early Monday for Columbus with two Negro prisoners who have been sentenced to the state penitentiary. He left orders to keep all but one of the gates in the fence about the county jail locked and to permit only known visitors into the jail. Chief Jailer Jay Gilday was left in charge.

"We are well fortified against any attempt to release English," Jailer Gilday said Monday. "We could handle an army of 30 or 40 in an attack against us in the daytime. At night we keep all gates leading into the jail yard locked and each visitor must be identified before admittance is granted."

The knowledge of Licavoli's presence in Toledo caused Toledo police to keep the state's star witnesses against English, Harry Craig, 25, and Robert Schaite, 20, under police guard again Monday. Detectives searched all known haunts of gangsters here, including the residence of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, gang leader, in Old Orchard, but no one was found.

**English Eats Pheasant.**

English was permitted no visitors Sunday altho his wife appeared at the jail. He ate a pheasant dinner, brought into the jail by three women, said to be his friends.

Request for a new trial for English was to be made Tuesday by

A. J. Bianci, Akron, defense attorney. He said he expected to show that the verdict was against the weight of the evidence.

**Talks to Prosecutor.**

English, who collapsed Saturday in court after hearing the verdict condemning him to the electric chair for killing Jack Kennedy, youthful bootlegger, called for Prosecutor Reams an hour after he had been taken to his cell in the jail.

No one knows what English told the prosecutor in the half hour Reams was in his cell.

English wanted to "talk." He had said he could clear himself in three minutes. He said he had been told who killed the bootlegger and night club operator. He called Prosecutor Reams after his own counsel had failed to appear.

**There's More Coming.**

English told Judge Roy Stuart, while semi-conscious on a sofa in the judge's chambers, that he could purchase his freedom by telling the names he learned the day after the murder.

That more was coming for the Licavoli gang—and for all other combinations of law-breakers in Toledo—was promised by the statements of Prosecutor Reams and Detective Captain George Timiney, another gang nemesis, after the ver-





Toledo Police Department.

Nov 7 1934

Captain Timiney.

Sir;

In regards to attached note from Inspector Haas.  
this gun Spanish Automatic, 32 Cal, number 77877 is in the safe in the  
Captain Office.

Respectfully.  
R. Fielding.

*Please notify John Long of same  
Fielding*



No. 366.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF POLICE

ISSUED A

**CERTIFICATE**

TO

NAME *Robert Fielding*

RANK *Regular Detective*

By *Ray E. Allen* Chief

Director of Public Safety

*John N. Edy*  
City Manager

DATE *July 1, 1937*

FOR *Promotion to the  
rank of Regular Detective*

*Division of Police*

FILE AS A PERMANENT RECORD

Director Meyer

Please note & return

R. Allen

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

F. R. Casey,  
INSPECTOR S

Toledo, Ohio, March 7, 1946.

CASE No.

MGM

Mr. Ray A. Allen,  
Chief of Police,  
Safety Building,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the fine cooperation given me by Detectives Robert Fielding and Frank DeLora in connection with the apprehension of John H. Fordham and Theodore Williams, who are charged with the theft of letters containing Government checks from house mail boxes in Toledo and the later forgery and cashing of the checks contained therein. These officers worked tirelessly on these cases, and their efforts resulted in the admission of guilt from both the parties involved.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to Joseph Fruchey, Inspector of Detectives, and to Detectives Fielding and DeLora.

Thanking you for the generous cooperation you have always given this office, and assuring you that like cooperation is available to you and your force at all times.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

*F. R. Casey*  
F. R. Casey,  
Post Office Inspector.

CC: Mr. Joseph Fruchey,  
Mr. Robert Fielding,  
Mr. Frank DeLora.

MAR 8 - 1946

DR. HARRY M. SCOTT  
2360 ~~2586~~ MONROE STREET  
TOLEDO, OHIO

April 25, 1946

Chief Ray E. Allen  
Safety Building  
Erie Street  
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Detective Lt. Robert Fielding, in my opinion, will not return to duty. The diagnosis in this case is acute Lymphatic Leukemia and the prognosis is very poor, these cases being uniformly fatal. He has been under Doctor Shively's care for approximately six weeks, has been a patient in Toledo Hospital and conversation with Doctor Shively leads me to believe that Fielding is slipping rapidly. These cases frequently show temporary improvement, but always followed by a relapse. As to the duration of life, no statement is possible.

Yours very truly,

*Harry M. Scott, M. D.*  
Harry M. Scott, M. D.

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TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

C H I E F

MAY 10TH, 1946.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE THAT LIEUTENANT-DETECTIVE  
ROBT FIELDING DIED AT 5.45 THIS P.M.

ROBT. FIELDING WAS APPOINTED PATROLMAN APRIL 1, 1922, SERGEANT-  
DETECTIVE DEC, 25, 1935, AND LIEUTENANT-DETECTIVE JULY 1, 1937,  
AND HE SERVED FAITHFULLY AND WELL AND WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY  
HIS FELLOW WORKERS AND OUR CITIZENS.

SERVICES WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 13TH, 1946, AT 3.00 P.M. AT PARKS  
EMMERT FUNERAL HOME, 3883 MONROE ST.

BODY LIES IN STATE AT PARKS EMMERT FUNERAL HOME.

BURIAL AT TOLEDO MEMORIAL CEMETERY.

PALLBEARERS:- JOS. FRUCHEY                      FRED TANK  
                  FRANK DE LORA                    EDW. MEEKER  
                  EARL MC BRIDE                    ORIN GONIA.

MOTORCYCLE DETAIL WILL ESCORT BODY FROM FUNERAL HOME TO CEMETERY.

PALLBEARERS CARS WILL LEAVE SAFETY BLDG. AT 2.30 P.M.

FLAGS AT ALL STATIONS WILL BE AT HALF-MAST UNTIL AFTER FUNERAL.

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RAY E. ALLEN

CHIEF OF POLICE.

APPROVED:-

MAURICE J. MEYER  
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# TENNANT HELD TO GRAND JURY

## Man Arrested in Holdup Is Found To Be Escaped Ohio Penitentiary Convict

Guy Tennant, escaped convict from the Ohio penitentiary, arrested here Wednesday as a suspect in the hold-up of Fred W. Tanner, Adams street restaurateur, Feb. 28, was bound over to the grand jury on a robbery charge of Judge Ira Cole's court Thursday. Bond was fixed at \$5000.

### RECOGNIZED BY OFFICER.

Tennant's arrest came because Detective Arthur Langendorf saw him on the street and noticed he fitted the description of the Tanner bandit. Langendorf told Detectives Carl Hartung, William Rogers and Robert Fielding and the man was arrested in his home in the 4800 block on Summit street. He gave his name as William Thomas and his age as 30.

When his finger prints were taken, however, Superintendent John Louy of the identification bureau and Lieut. Paul Weisenberg identified the man as Tennant. Records showed Tennant had been sentenced to 10 to 25 years in Cuyahoga county for robbery.

### IDENTIFIED BY VICTIM.

Tanner viewed a line-up of prisoners at the Safety building late Wednesday and readily picked out Tennant as the bandit who held him up.

Tennant denied any participation in the holdup, police said. He told police he had been living quietly here under his assumed name since his escape.

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Mug shots of Thomas (Yonnie)



Licavoli were taken in 1934

Late in January, Ohio's Governor James A. Rhodes announced that he had commuted the sentence of a man who had been in the Ohio State Penitentiary for the past 35 years. Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli thus became eligible for immediate parole.

Yonnie Licavoli is no ordinary criminal. In spite of more than three decades behind bars, he has retained his position as one of the nation's smartest and meanest Mob leaders, a man who has continued to swagger and to run a portion of his old racket empire from inside.

The implication of Governor Rhodes's statement was that Licavoli, whatever his menacing past, was now, at 65, a sick old man whose exemplary record in prison commended him to spending his remaining days in the bosom of his family. The facts, of which Governor Rhodes could hardly have been ignorant, argued powerfully against the very action he took. LIFE's investigations have shown that Yonnie's record at Ohio State Penitentiary was in fact outrageously bad. Contrary to the governor's

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law enforcement circles that a quarter of a million unmarked Mob dollars existed in a "spring Yonnie" fund, available to anyone who could facilitate his release. LIFE has found two public officials who were directly approached with bribe offers. This year the underworld grapevine began humming with the word that the fund had risen to \$300,000—and that Yonnie would be released shortly. Governor Rhodes took cognizance of the rumors by noting in his commutation announcement that "special inquiry was also made to ascertain whether any person had been paid or promised anything to assist in obtaining a commutation for Licavoli. No evidence of such payment or promises was found . . ." The fact remained that every governor since Licavoli was sent to prison in 1934—including Jim Rhodes—had found ample reason to deny him clemency.

Yet just as Yonnie Licavoli is no ordinary convict, so James A. Rhodes is no ordinary governor. As chief executive of the sixth largest state, he is one of the most influential Republicans in the coun-



*Accompanied by a smiling sheriff, Licavoli (right) leaves the federal courthouse in Toledo in 1933. The next year he was convicted of murder and has been in jail ever since.*

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blers and speakeasy operators  
line. And blood began to flow.  
ly young Licavoli rode too

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## Robert Fielding

Detective Lieut. Robert Fielding, 52, died of leukemia, a rare blood disease, in Toledo Hospital last night. He was stricken last March.



Lieutenant Fielding joined the police department April 1, 1922, and was made a detective sergeant Dec. 25, 1935. He was promoted to detective lieutenant July 1, 1937. During the last six years he was a partner of Detective Lieut. Frank DeLora assigned as special investigator in cases involving confidence men and shoplifters. The team is largely responsible for giving Toledo a reputation for being a difficult city for swindlers and store thieves.

Lieutenant Fielding was born in Toledo. He was a member of the Elks and Fraternal Order of Police. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner.

The Fielding home is in 1913 Christie Dr. Surviving Lieutenant Fielding are his wife, Marie; son, Robert; brothers, James, Edward and Elmer and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p. m. Monday in the Parks Emmert Funeral Home. Burial will be in Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery.

## ROBERT FIELDING

Services for Detective Lieut. Robert Fielding, 52, who died Friday of leukemia, will be tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the Parks Emmert mortuary. Burial will be at Toledo Memorial park.

Police Chief Ray E. Allen yesterday said he noted the detective's death with "deep regret," citing his exemplary record and "the high esteem with which he was held by the Police divisions and citizens, alike."

Lieutenant Fielding joined the uniformed ranks of the division April 1, 1922. He became a sergeant-detective Dec. 25, 1935, and was raised to lieutenant in July, 1937. During the last six years he had been assigned to special investigation of confidence men and store thieves.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Fielding; son, Robert Fielding, Jr.; brothers, Edward, Elmer and James Fielding, and three grandchildren, all of Toledo.

Chief Allen yesterday ordered flags at all police stations to be lowered at half-mast, and announced that a motorcycle detail will escort the body from the mortuary to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Detective Inspector Joseph Fruchey, and Detective Lieutenants Frank DeLora, Earl McBride, Fred Tank, Edward Meeker and Orin Gonia.

# Illness Fatal To Detective

## Robert Fielding Dies Of Rare Disease

Detective Lieut. Robert Fielding, 52, a member of the Toledo Police division the last 24 years, died last night in Toledo hospital, the victim of the rare blood disease leukemia.



Robert Fielding

He was first stricken with the malady last March, according to members of his family.

Lieutenant Fielding joined the police division April 1, 1922, and gained distinction during the last six years when, as a special investigator, he was assigned to ridding the city of confidence men and store thieves.

He and his partner, Lieut. Frank DeLora, were greatly responsible for giving Toledo its name as one of the nation's roughest cities or both swindlers and store "boosters."

### Native of Toledo

The detective was a native of Toledo and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. A 32nd degree Mason, he also was a Shriner, a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias and Fraternal Order of Police. He lived at 1913 Christie drive.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Fielding; son, Robert Fielding; brothers, Edward, Elmer and James Fielding, and three grandchildren, all of Toledo.

The body is in the Parks Emmert mortuary.



# Raitz' 40-Year Police Career Is Ended By Doctors' Orders

**T**HREE DOCTORS did something yesterday to Detective Lieut. Ernest C. Raitz that burglars, bandits and defective motorcycles couldn't do. They drove him from the force.

The three surgeons, after two operations within three months, told Lieutenant Raitz he didn't dare continue his duties as a detective.

**SO YESTERDAY** he almost apologetically told Detective Inspector Joseph Fruchey he'd have to give up after 40 years and 8 months as a policeman.

In 1913 a motorcycle accident almost ended his police career but he survived to become the target of many a skulking burglar and frightened bandit in the next quarter of a century.

But nobody ever connected, and in 1931 he and Detective Lieut. Robert Fielding established a spectacular record for arrests of burglars in the act of looting homes and stores.

**AT THE TIME** there was a nation-wide crime wave and Captain Fruchey picked the two sleuths as an emergency speed car crew with the now Police Lieut. Carl Wiener as their uniformed driver. No one before or since equalled the crew's one-year record of captures.

The retirement of Lieutenant Raitz will become effective Saturday, at which time Detective Sergt. Thomas O'Leary will succeed to his rank with Patrolman Fred Shea becoming a detective sergeant.