

THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A solemn obligation



**Patrolman Walter Boyle
E.O.W. December 8, 1961**

Officer Boyle had suggested to his partner, John Helman, that they attempt a warrant service on Mr. Raymond Brothers. Brothers' wife had sworn it out on him after he threatened her with a knife. The officers didn't know that Brothers had a long history of sex offenses and other violent crimes including "highway robbery," CCW and shooting with intent to kill and wound. They also didn't know that he had been sent to Lima Hospital where he had been adjudged dangerous and homicidal. It was not standard procedure to give officers this information when serving a warrant.

"At 10:20 a.m., #2 patrol, W. Boyle and J. Helman, reported out of service at 615 Elmore to serve a warrant on Raymond Brothers. At this time, Brothers jumped out the back door where he was pursued by W. Boyle. When Helman could not locate his partner, help was dispatched and after a search, the body of Boyle was found in the yard at 551 Arden Place. He was taken to St. Vincent's and pronounced dead on arrival. Brothers was traced to a garage at 963 Berry where he was found dead of a gunshot wound. He was in the attic of a garage in the rear of this address. . ."

General Order No. 65 was issued on December 29, 1961, in response to this tragic incident. It created a means for the Records Section to add critical information for officer safety to a warrant service. The subject was part of a WTOL Editorial. ". . .the officer did not know Brothers' record. Why? Because it is not a standard procedure for the Police Department to check the records of persons on whom warrants are to be served . . ."

Boyle was married and was one of four brothers on the department.

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