

Wilson, D.A.



**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
DIVISION OF POLICE

September 6th, 1922.

Harry Jennings,  
Chief of Police.

Dear Sir:

Lastnight, Officer D. A. Wilson arrested one Arthur Rayford, colored, for shooting his wife, and the manner in which he handled the affair comes to me as one of unusual bravery and cool-headedness and is certainly deserving of commendation.

My long experience as an officer of the law has taught me that most officers, when making an arrest of this kind, are inclined to become hostile and use their guns without just cause, but Officer D. A. Wilson heroically refrained from any such actions and brought his man to justice without jeopardizing the lives of pedestrians by the use of his gun, although Rayford had a loaded gun in his hand when arrested. Therefore I wish to commend Officer D.A.Wilson for his bravery and good judgement and trust that he will <sup>be</sup> placed by you, in line with the "Good Officers of the Department".

Respectfully yours

*M. W. Clokey*  
CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES.

DR. PAUL R. ENSIGN  
1119 BROADWAY  
TOLEDO, OHIO

12-4-34.

Daniel T. Wolfe.  
Chief of Police.

Dear Sir:

Examination of Police Officer  
D. Wilson shows a very high blood  
pressure with mitral regurgitation of the  
heart and diseased heart muscle. He  
is slowly recovering from a paralysis of  
both legs. Is not able to put any weight  
on them at this time.

I would consider that he will never  
be able to again do regular police duty.

Paul R. Ensign M.D.

January 19th, 1935.

Mr. John A. Price,  
Director, Public Safety.

Dear Sir:-

Patrolman Delpher A. Wilson, colored, entered this service October 1st, 1920.

This man has not been on duty since Sept. 3rd, 1934, due to paralysis of both legs.

Dr. Ensign, Police physician, advises that he believes this man will never again be able to do regular police duty.

This officer is now being carried on the payroll, receiving full compensation as a patrolman.

Would recommend that this officer's name be taken off the payroll as of January 31st, 1935, and, if arrangements can be made to have him placed on the pension payroll, wish that this would be done effective February 1st, 1935.

Respectfully,

Chief of Police.

Cy/ Civil Service Commission.

Feb. 15th, 1935.

Mr. John A. Price,  
Director, Public Safety.

Dear Sir:-

Patrolman Delphor A. Wilson, colored, entered this service on October 1st, 1920.

This man has not been on duty since Sept. 3rd, 1934, due to paralysis of both legs.

Dr. Ensign, Police Physician, advises that he believes that this man will never again be able to do regular police duty.

This officer is now being carried on the payroll receiving full compensation as a patrolman.

Would recommend that this officer's name be taken off the police payroll as of Feb. 28th, 1935, and, if consistent, have him placed on the pension payroll as of March 1st, 1935.

Respectfully,

Chief of Police.

Cy. Civil Service Commission.

February 21, 1935.

Mr. John A. Price,  
Director, Public Safety.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly note attached relative to Patrolman Delpher A. Wilson, colored, who has performed no service since Sept. 3rd, 1934, and the probability that he will never again be able to do actual police work.

Would recommend that this officer be honorably retired at once.

However, believe that a clause should be included making provision for the return of this man to this division if he should full recover his health.

Respectfully,

Chief of Police.

February 25th, 1935.

Mr. Delphor A. Wilson,  
Patrolman, Division of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Due to your physical disability,  
you will be honorably retired from the Division  
of Police effective February 28th, 1935.

Your name will be removed from the  
Division of Police payroll on that date.

Respectfully,

*John A. Bruce*

Director of Public Safety.

Cy/ Civil Service Commission  
Chief Wolfe. ←  
Police Pension Board.



Feb. 26th, 1935.

Chief Wolfe;

Sir:-

Delivered letter to Patrolman Wilson. He did not know what action he would take, whether Civil Service or apply for a pension. He further stated that he had fallen down sometime ago and that his hip was hurt. He stated he had two doctors at that time.

Respectfully,

Captain E. Hoffman

**CITY OF TOLEDO**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
Sub-Division of Police

JOHN A. PRICE,  
Director

Feb. 26th, 1935.

DANIEL T. WOLFE,  
Chief of Police

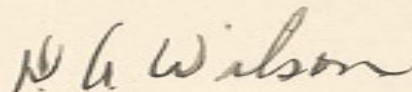
Pension Board,  
Police Department,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Having been honorably retired from the Division of Police by Director of Public Safety, Mr. John A. Price, because of physical disability, I hereby make application for pension under Rule 14.

My injury to my back and lower vertebrae was on Sept. 21st, 1934, at Canton & Woodruff, caused by falling down a stairway, while on duty. Dr. Delcher, Ewing & Nebraska, attended me at that time.

Respectfully,



Patrolman No. 183

Feb. 26th, 1935.

Mr. John A. Price,  
Director, Public Safety.

Dear Sir:-

Attached is copy of application for pension from  
Patrolman D. A. Wilson.  
This, for your information.

Respectfully,

Chief of Police.

Cy. Civil Service Commission

Recd 1/27/35  
F.S.

H. A. DELCHER, M. D.  
901 NEBRASKA AVENUE  
COR. MILLER STREET  
TOLEDO, OHIO

Feb. 27-35.

To whom it may concern:

Mr. Lefford A. Wilson, 248 Mitchell St,  
was injured Sept. 20-34. fell down  
stairs and hit his back. he did  
not pay any attention to it at that  
time. Oct 5-34, he had a hemorrhage  
of the spinal cord at sacral plexus,  
resulting in paralysis of both legs,  
and sphincters of bladder and  
rectum. His blood pressure has  
been high for about two years.  
I attribute both conditions, accident  
and blood pressure due to the  
hemorrhage into cord. He is gradually  
improving; but when he will be  
ready to assume his duties, I would  
be unable to state.

Respectfully,  
H. Austin Delcher, M.D.

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF  
C H I E F

JUNE 13, 1943.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE THAT PENSIONED PATROLMAN DELPHOR A. WILSON DIED AT U. S. HOSPITAL, DEARBORN, MICH., AT 6.00 THIS P.M.

HE WAS APPOINTED OCT. 1ST, 1920, AND PLACED ON DISABILITY PENSION MARCH 1, 1935, AND WAS FAITHFUL TO HIS DUTIES AND WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY HIS FELLOW WORKERS AND CITIZENS.

BODY LIES IN STATE AT WANZO FUNERAL HOME, 572 NEBRASKA AVE.

FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY, 18TH, 1.00 P.M., AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CITY PARK & PINWOOD AVE.

BURIAL AT FOREST CEMETERY.

PALLBEARERS SELECTED BY WIFE ARE MEMBERS OF MASONIC ORDER.

MOTORCYCLE ESCORT, UNDER SERGEANT SHIMMAN, WILL ESCORT BODY FROM FUNERAL HOME TO CHURCH TO CEMETERY.

POLICE AUTO, WITH DRIVER J. GILLEY, WILL BE FURNISHED AND WILL LEAVE THE SAFETY BUILDING AT 12.30 P.M.

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

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R. E. ALLEN,  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

APPROVED:  
EDW. A. DEANGELO  
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY.