



Davis Harry J

Born	Feb	4	1895	
Appoint	May	16	1921	3-nights with older men
Ass,d	May	19	1921	Beat by Chief Herry J Herbert
"	Jan	1	1924	Speed car driver for Detective Bureau
"	Nov	10	1929	Vice-Squad
Promoted	July	1	1935	Det-Sergeant Chief Wolfe
"	July	1	1937	Det-Lieutenant " "
Retired	July	1	1949	Serving 28 yrs
Died	July	26	1955	At 2am in his home.

He established for himself an out standing record while he was

heading the Auto Squad in arresting and convicting auto thieves. His Mechanical ability and driving skill. And his mechanical skill once led to the capture of auto thieves that operated on a nation wide scale.

He rigged up a car and planted it in the neighborhood where the auto thieves thought to be their hang-out, when the thieves tried to steal the car a group of detectives were ready for them, the car was fixed so that the engine would only run about a city block, and when it stopped the detectives arrested the thieves. This method would not work to-day for some lively lawyer would charge them with entrapment. There was a lot of big and good arrests made then, that they cannot be made to-day.

The body lies in state at Boyer- Van Wormer Mortuary.

Services were held Thursday July 28 1955 at 1pm.

Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were. Adam Dlugiewicz- Paul Scheets- John Connors- Marion Davey- William Fisk- Clair Powers.

Motor-Cycle-Squad escort the body from the funeral home to the cemetery.

Approved by Ray E Allen Chief.

Ass. by Chief Henry J Harbert

1954 Squad car driver for Detective Bureau

1953 Vice-Squad

1952 Det-Sergeant Chief White

1951 Det-Lieutenant

1949 Retiring 28 yrs

UNLIGHTED AUTO DRAWS FIRE

Sleuth On Robber Hunt Perils Family Of Four

Mistaking an auto which was occupied by a man and woman and two children for a bandit car, detectives answering a burglar alarm call to 2002 Lagrange-st, fired a bullet thru the rear of the machine late on Wednesday night when the driver failed to stop. The machine had no lights.

The police received a call shortly after 10 p. m. that burglars were in the E. A. Schall drug store at 2002 Lagrange-st. A speed car driven by Patrolman Davis took Detectives Dobzenlecki and Havens to the place.

IGNORES SUMMONS.

Just as the detective car pulled up to the curb about 100 yards from the store, a machine without any lights pulled away from the curb in front of the place. The officers called to the driver to stop. He kept on going. Detective Dobzenlecki fired one shot in the air. Havens shot at the machine. The bullet went thru the rear end just above the tire.

Havens' shot brought the auto to a standstill. Detectives walked to the machine and found Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Briest, Stop 16, Toledo Beach line, and their two children, in the machine.

FIND TWO IN STORE.

Realizing their mistake, the detectives rushed back to the drug store and found two men in the place. One was Leonard Zypkus, 357 Alameda drive, a clerk in the place, and the other was Arthur Lemle. Zypkus told the officers that he and Lemle returned to the store to get a newspaper which he forgot. After questioning, both were released.

Briest later told the police that he thought the detectives were holdup men and that if it had not been for his wife's pleadings he would have stopped.

Briest and his family had been visiting in the neighborhood. He said he forgot to turn on the lights on his machine when he started for home.