

their arrival, Tippit was told by complainant that her husband was inside the house armed with an ice pick and had run her out of the house, threatening to kill her and himself.

The complainant stated she thought her husband was crazy and wished the officers to disarm him and see that he got medical attention. This request brought an immediate response from Officer Tippit and his partner and, as they entered the house, the demented person stabbed both officers with an ice pick. Officer Tippit was stabbed in the stomach and the knee. The demented person was subdued by force and was not injured at all. Officer Tippit and his partner faced a great danger in an outstanding performance of police duty. Their only thought was to subdue the demented person without injuring him.

On September 2, 1956 at approximately 12:30 A. M. Officer Tippit and his partner checked out for routine investigation at 441 West Commerce. They observed a white male inside this place, who appeared to be intoxicated and asked him to accompany them outside. This person was sitting at a booth and as he got up, he drew a gun from his belt and told the officers to "stick 'em up." He had the gun pointed at Officer Tippit's face and as Tippit and his partner backed up a little the suspect pulled the trigger in an attempt to shoot Officer Tippit. The gun was an automatic and evidently one of the safety locks was still in position because the gun didn't fire. Officer Tippit and his partner drew their service revolvers and fired at the man until he fell. Officer Tippit advised his partner to call for an ambulance and tell the dispatcher what had happened. Officer Tippit immediately locked the business to hold the witnesses.

This person was dead on arrival at the hospital and was later identified as Leonard Garland, who was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for an offense he committed in another state.

Officer Tippit did not have an accident in 1956. Tippit is a careful and courteous driver and sets a good example with his driving.

Officer Tippit has not had disciplinary action taken against him since entering the department.

The excellent judgement and quick thinking of Officer Tippit has been consistent throughout the year of 1956. The action and performance of duty by Officer Tippit during 1956 deserves recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

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