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Island Cop Cited for ID Work

Detective Arthur Mandella, 38, of Lamoka Ave., Egbertville, was cited today for his many innovations in the technical field of fingerprint and footprint identification.

An expert in the Police Department's Bureau of Criminal Identification, the 11-year veteran of the force received first prize in the ninth annual Hundred Year Association Career Civil Service Awards.

A \$500 check was presented to Mandella by Mayor Lindsay at ceremonies in City Hall.

The Island detective developed a format to code latent fingerprints and opened a new field of positive identification of newborn babies via "flexure creases" on the soles of their feet.

His research in 1959 led to the identity of a baby which had been kidnaped from its crib in a Brooklyn hospital. His testimony at the trial of the kidnaper set a precedent in this country for this type of identification.

Mandella's skills are so highly regarded that he was summoned to Washington to appear before the Warren Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy. His testimony corroborated FBI findings that the prints found on the weapon were those of Harvey Oswald.