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Nemesis of downtown desperadoes retires

By JERRY KVET

It was probably fated that Martin McFadden and Louis Finkelstein were to be adversaries.

Like water seeking its own level, McFadden, one of Cleveland's top policemen, and Finkelstein, the city's master pickpocket, were never far apart.

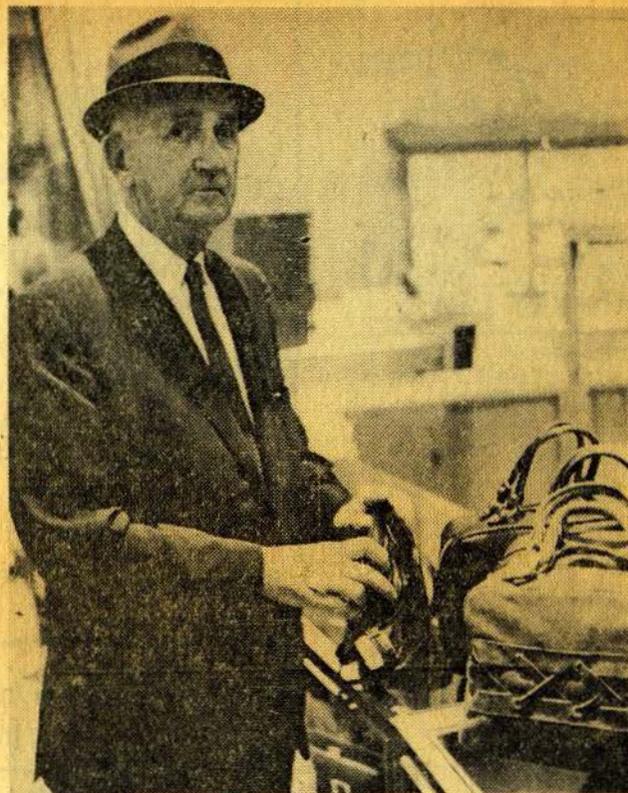
Finkelstein is dead now. "Louie the Dip" died in 1964.

Marty McFadden, 69, retires Wednesday.

PRESS FILES are full of clippings detailing the countless McFadden-Finkelstein encounters, as during the Republican rally in 1948 and the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1957. So persistent was McFadden that the Dip eventually started calling him "the persecutor."

"I remember four straight years I arrested Louie at the Ice Capades," recalls Marty. "In those days all we had to do was see Louis in a crowd and we arrested him."

McFadden, has been in the department's fraud unit since 1934 specializing in detecting the various gimmicks of shoplifters and



MARTY RETIRES — Detective Martin J. McFadden, one of Cleveland's best known policemen, retires Wednesday after 45 years on the force.

other frauds perpetrated against the downtown stores.

He still holds the record for downtown arrests, mainly, he admits, because he's

had so much experience there.

HIS MOST famous arrest came in 1963 when he apprehended two men outside a downtown store because he thought their behavior indicated they were casing the store for a holdup. He found they were carrying guns.

The Supreme Court upheld the arrest five years later, confirming a policeman's right to stop and frisk a person for dangerous weapons if that person is acting suspiciously.

McFadden wasn't surprised: "As far as I could see, it was a perfect case," he said after the high court decision.

As an informal departmental tribute, McFadden has been selected to attend

the last four presidential inaugurations as one of the department's representatives to the inaugural security force.

He has also been nominated for a distinguished service award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Still trim (he weighs only three pounds more than when he joined the force in 1925), he lives with his wife Mary, at 9708 Clifton Blvd.

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