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When Martin J. McFadden first patrolled ~~Euelid Avenue downtown~~, a policeman could arrest a character if he looked strange or was loitering.

"It was fundamental preventive detention," McFadden said yesterday as he cleared the papers from his desk in the Hotel and Checks Unit of the Cleveland Police Department.

McFadden, 69, will turn in his service revolver today after his final cruise through downtown looking for thieves, pickpockets and assorted miscreants.

**THE SLIM DANDY** joined the police department in 1925 after he had worked as a Cleveland Railway Co. timekeeper. He

was transferred to the detective bureau in 1930.

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Since then he has been as much a part of the downtown scene as the Terminal Tower which joined downtown only a year before Detective McFadden.

McFadden's father-in-law was the Pat Joyce who cofounded the watering holes that bears his name. McFadden was not a customer of his father-in-law's.

A crony of McFadden's said the detective could "sense a pickpocket like a country boy smelling a possum."

**MUCH OF HIS TRAINING** came from his bouts with the late Louis (Looie the Dip) Finkelstein, a determined thief, who was

once careless enough to try to pick the pocket of the Maple Heights police chief.

McFadden would wade into political rallies, parades and Christmas shopping crowds and come out dragging Looie.

"It used to be when he saw me, he would walk over," McFadden said. "He knew I would throw him in the klink overnight to prevent someone from getting taken."

Because of the vigilance of McFadden and others, Looie's arrest record had more entries than a student bookkeeper.

**McFADDEN'S MOST** famous arrest took place in Playhouse Square Oct. 31, 1963. He saw three men who appeared to be casing a jewelry store.

He stopped and searched all three finding handguns on two of them. John W. Terry and Richard D. Chilton were convicted of carrying concealed weapons but appealed the case all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court. It upheld McFadden's contention that a policeman has the right to "stop and frisk" suspicious persons.

McFadden became so famous he was asked to attend the inaugurations of four U.S. presidents to look for the likes of Looie the Dip and other characters.

He and his wife, Mary, live at 9709 Clifton Boulevard N.W. They will vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for three months and then McFadden will retire in earnest.