

# 1983

Detective Jerry T. White  
Patrolman Eugene A. Rich

## Painesville Police Department

In 1979, Marvin Mace, a resident of Painesville was murdered in that city. Detective Jerry White and Patrolman Eugene Rich were among the officers assigned to the investigation.

The case proved to be a difficult one and dragged on for over two years. During that time, White, a 16 year veteran, and Rich, a 14 year officer, kept the case in the back of their minds. They continued to dig, eventually focusing on Charles Skinner as their main suspect. They traveled out-of-town on several occasions in order to reinterview Skinner. Often, they worked the case on their own time and without being paid.

Their determination finally paid off, when through their dogged determination they tracked down a clue that led to Skinner's arrest. Skinner took the case to trial and was convicted of Mace's murder on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1983.

Painesville Police Chief Charles E. White nominated the officers for the award and stated "These officers lived this case for three years before an arrest was made and the arrest was only made possible by the fantastic dedication of these two men.

Both of these officers had distinguished careers with the City of Painesville Police Department. Jerry White went on to serve as Chief of the department. Both are now retired from law enforcement.