

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chatham- Savannah Historic Sites and Monuments Commission  
**FROM:** Joe Shearouse Jr.  
**DATE:** September 16, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** **Honorary Street Designation – LT. White Avenue**

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**Current Name:** Bouhan Street  
**Honorary Name:** LT. White Avenue  
**Location:** Bouhan Avenue from Water Avenue northeast to Reid Court  
**Petitioner:** Alderwoman Linda-Wilder Bryan  
**Staff contact:** Joe Shearouse, [jshearouse01@savannahga.gov](mailto:jshearouse01@savannahga.gov), (912) 429-4084

### Requirements for Honorary Street Naming Designations. (Sec.4-1104)

#### Purpose


- ✓ Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City. The designation will be a temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall not interfere with the official name of the street.

#### Restrictions

- ✓ Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- ✓ Honorary designations shall be limited to one approved designation per City Council member per calendar year.
- ✓ Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.

#### Requirements

- ✓ The proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs

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- and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- ✓ The proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
  - ✓ The proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
  - ✓ A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation;
  - ✓ Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
  - ✓ A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way
  - ✓ An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
  - ✓ A check for \$150 made to the City of Savannah

### Attachments

1. Petition request
  - a. Official request
  - b. Alderman Linda Wilder Bryan's endorsement
  - c. Map of location
  - d. Background on LT. White

## Joseph Shearouse

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**From:** Linda Wilder-Bryan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** Joseph Shearouse  
**Subject:** Re: LT. White Ave

Good Morning Mr Shearouse,

It is my most humbled and sincere privilege to be able to submit to you and Team Savannah to champion this movement not a moment to pay homage to a Leader, life mentor and who was a well respected community leader and much needed hero who served this community when it was not a easy thing to do.

Mr White is the last living person of "Color" officer who was selected to "Protect & Serve" in a time in our history when it was not the best of time. He served this community with a standard that has not been surpassed he is and was respected by the law enforcement community all over this state.

It is my pleasure and duty to keep his name on the lips of our young people who need HEROES they can see, touch and feel. We need more role models for our young people. I am committed to making sure his dedication, personal sacrifice and hard work did not and does not go unnoticed and will be seen for many years to come by having this marker in place as a celebration of life that he walked this city, this earth and left amazing footprints in our beautiful city.

I am thankful to share this charge with the citizens of the 3rd District his family, friends this entire city, Mayor Van R. Johnson, Mr Jay Elder City Manager and all of city council and Team Savannah.

Please except this letter as my formal request to have a ceremonial street sign placed on the street sign in which he lives on in a timely manner to celebrate his 97th Birthday which is also a milestone and testament that God to is pleased with his exemplary life and service to all.

Hope & Gratitude,  
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder Bryan  
3rd District

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**From:** Joseph Shearouse <JShearouse01@Savannahga.Gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:45:30 PM  
**To:** Linda Wilder-Bryan <LBryan@Savannahga.Gov>  
**Subject:** LT. White Ave

Aldерwoman,

Could you please indicate your endorsement for the Honorary Street Designation Petition for LT. White Avenue?

**Joe Shearouse Jr.**

Assistant to the City Manager

[jshearouse01@savannahga.gov](mailto:jshearouse01@savannahga.gov)

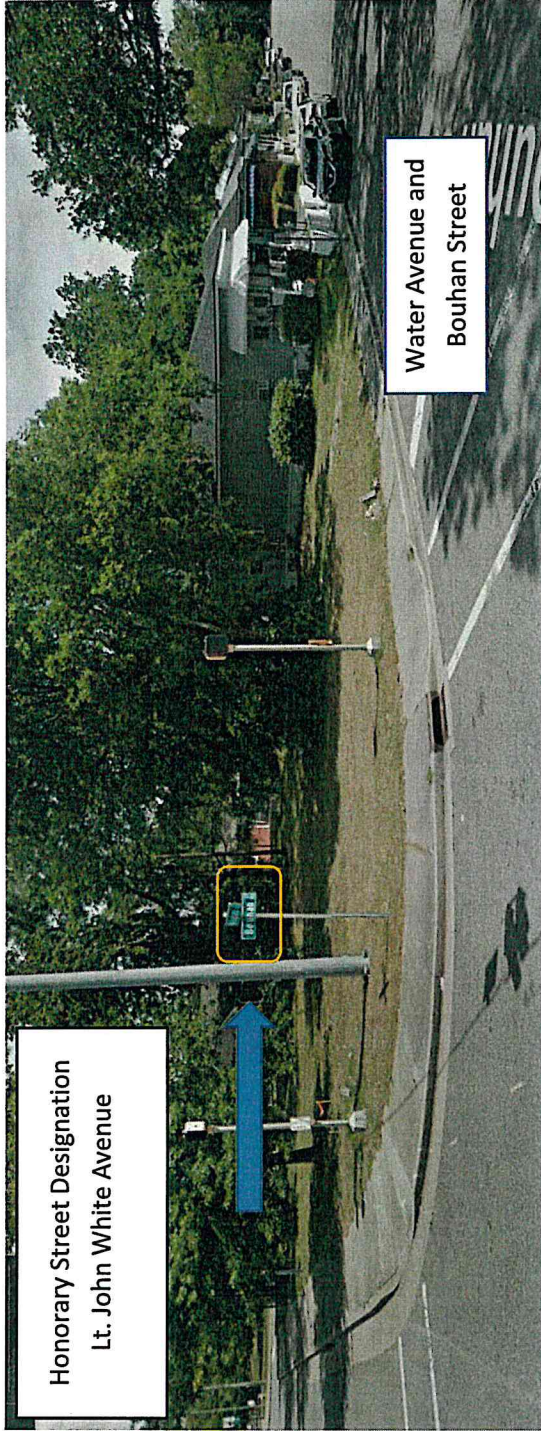
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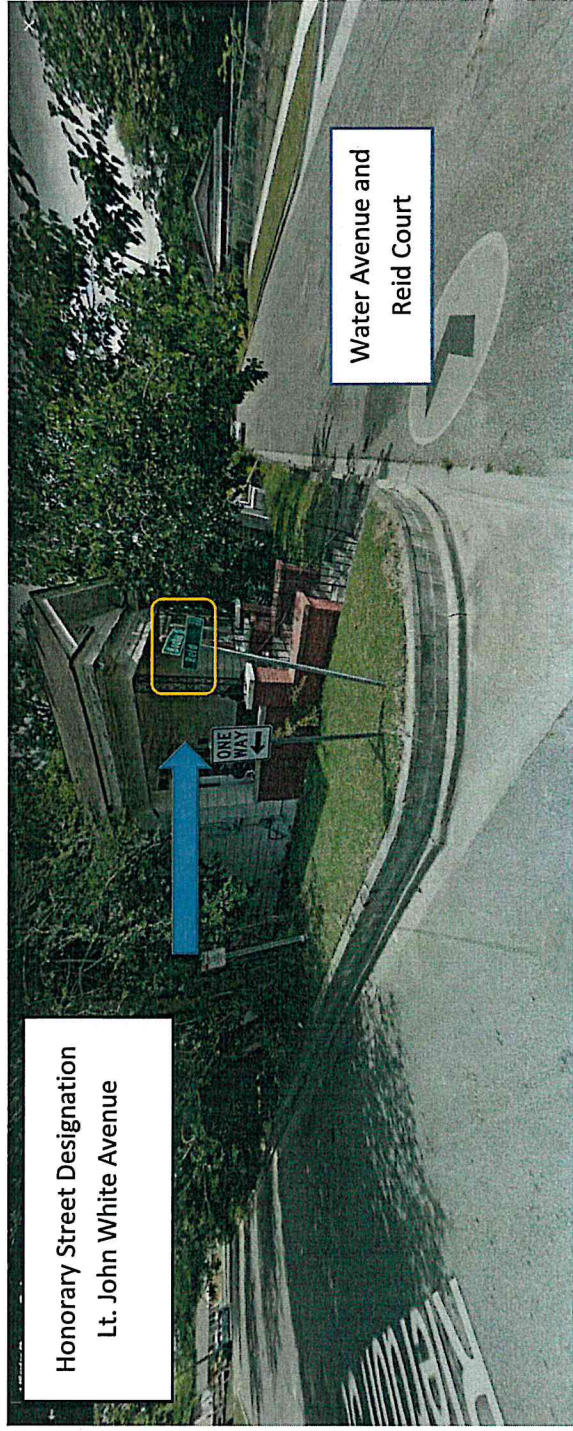
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City Manager

Honorary Street Designation Petition- Lt. John White



Honorary Street Designation  
Lt. John White Avenue

Water Avenue and  
Bouhan Street



Honorary Street Designation  
Lt. John White Avenue

Water Avenue and  
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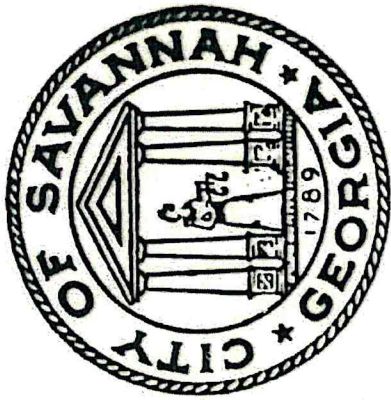




Adjacent Property Owner Map

Owners	Mailing Address
1. WHITE JOHN A	23 BOUHAN AVE
2. WHITE JOHN A & BENJAMIN BONAPA	23 BOUHAN AVE
3. SA1 LLC	463 POOLER PARKWAY STW. 179
4. SIMMONS MARION VIRGINA	PO BOX 726
5. CHAPPLE BOBBY & WANDA	15 BOUHAN AVE
6. WILSON FANNIE L/T	13 BOUHAN AVE
7. GREEN WILLIE T	407 MARSEILLE WY
8. SINGLETON CELIA A & MELQUITA C	9 BOUHAN AVE
9. CLUSTERS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	323 WOODLEY RD
10. BOARD OF EDUCATION	208 BULL ST
11. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH	PO BOX 1179

# Savannah Police Department



THIS IS TO CERTIFY  
THAT

J. A. White

whose signature and photograph appear hereon is a duly authorized

PATROLMAN

of The Savannah Police Department.

S. B. BARNES, JR.

Chief of Police

FRANK A. JACOBS

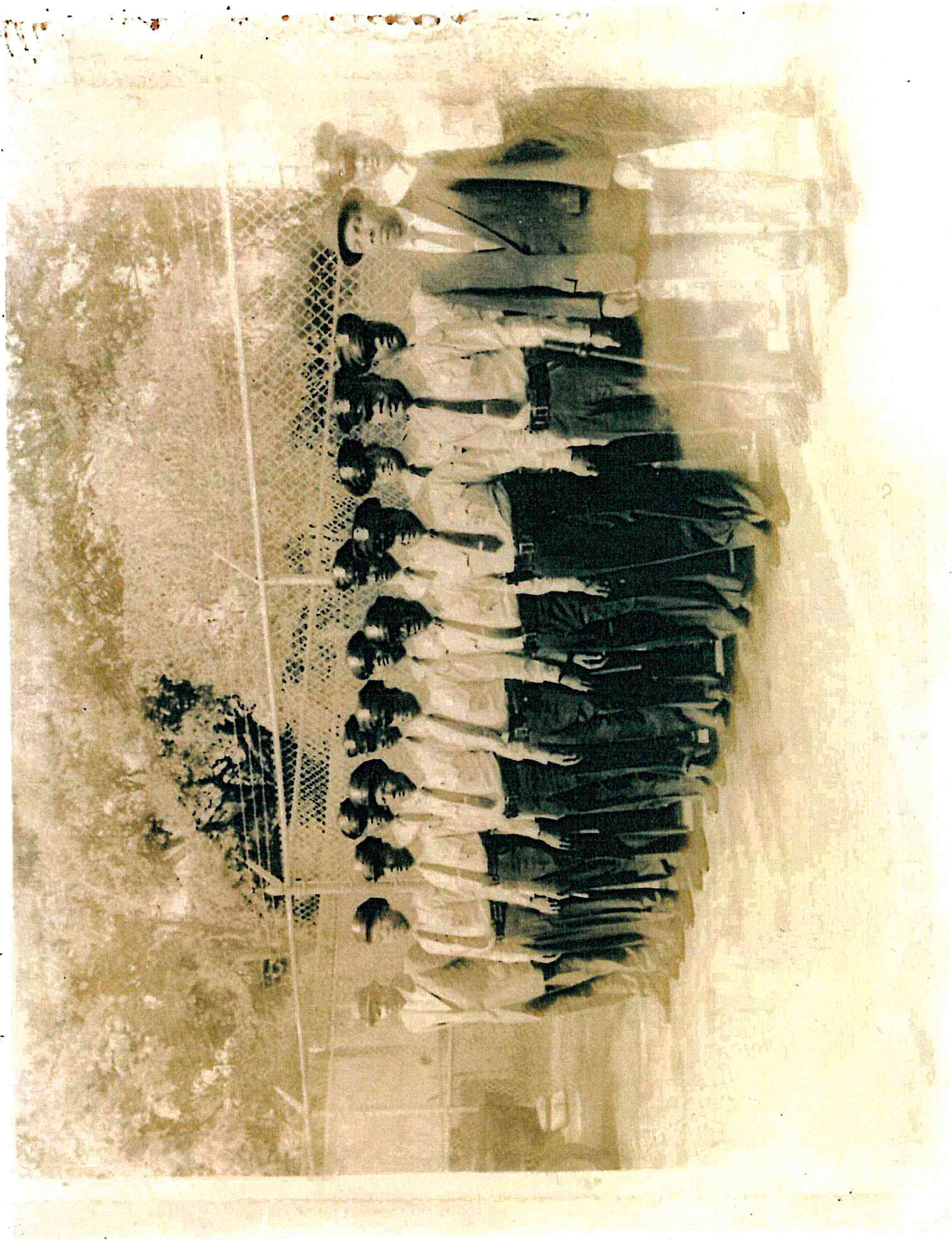
City Manager

SIGNATURE

J. A. White









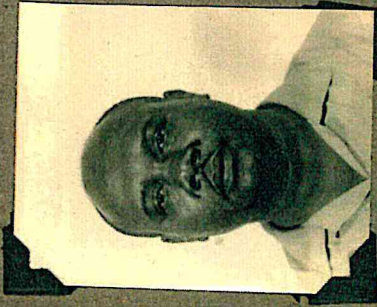
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F. Ingram



J. A. White



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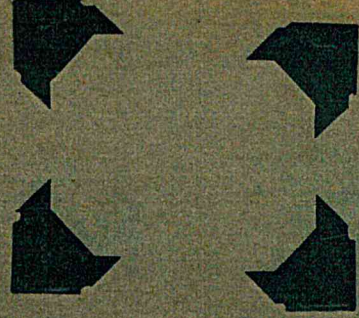
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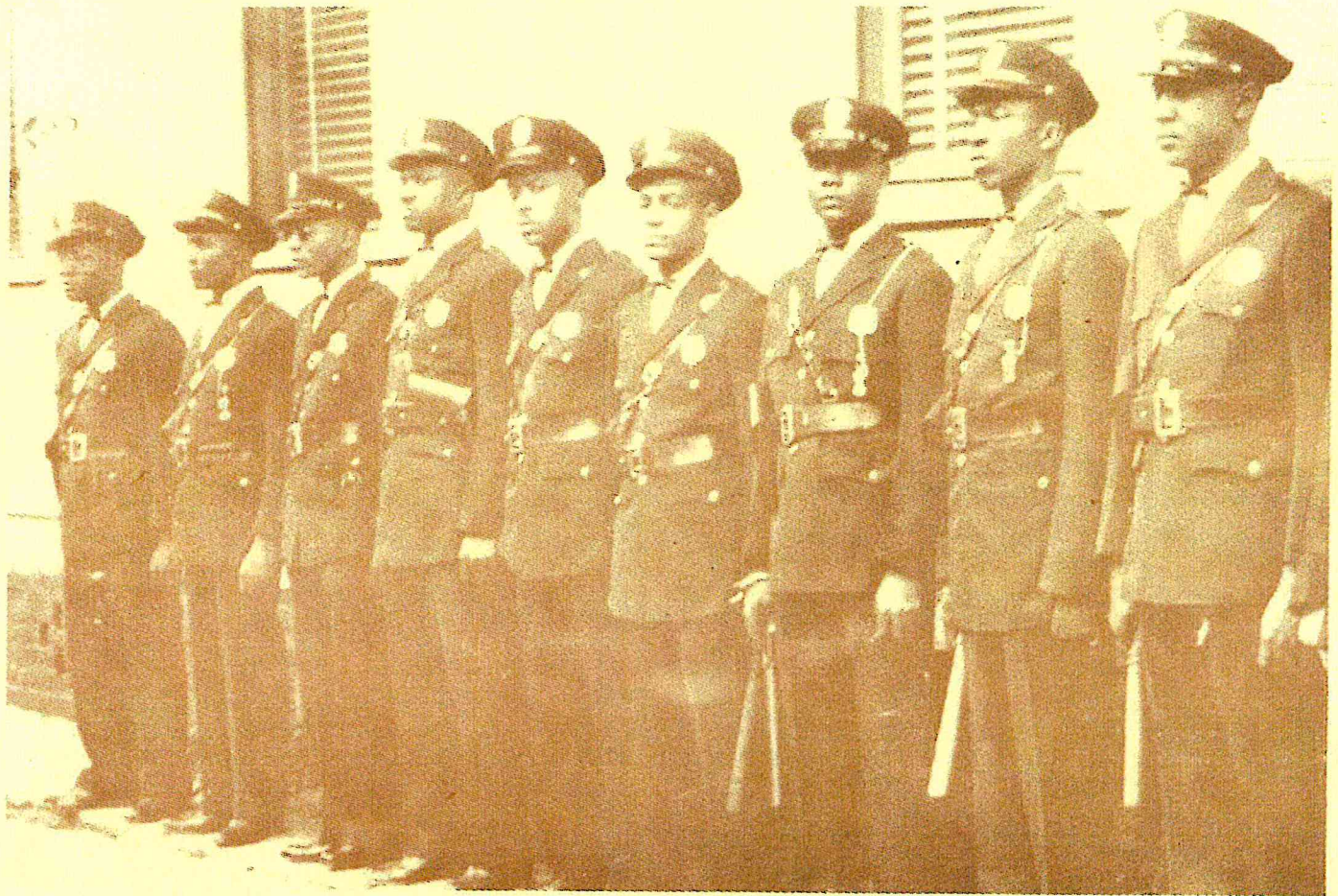
J. C. Sibert



C. J. Jenkins



**A 37 Year Legacy**  
**THE ORIGINAL NINE**



**Saturday, October 27, 1984**

**Hellenic Center**

**Savannah, Georgia**



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR - CITY OF SAVANNAH

JOHN P. ROUSAKIS, MAYOR

October 27, 1984



Dear Friends:

The retirement of Lieutenant John White is a fitting occasion to recognize the contributions made to this city by its original nine black police officers.

These police officers, through hard work, dedication, and suffering, paved the way for many of the opportunities all Savannahians enjoy today.

Lieutenant John White served this city with honor and distinction.

I ask all of our citizens to join with me in congratulating Lieutenant White on his well-earned retirement, and in acknowledging his role in forging The Original Nine's place in history.

Sincerely,

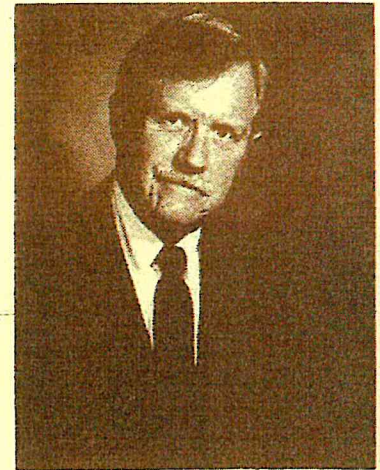
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John P. Rousakis".

John P. Rousakis  
Mayor

JPR:dcr



CITY OF SAVANNAH  
office of the city manager  
p. o. box 1027, savannah, georgia 31402



October 27, 1984

Dear Friends:

In 1947, John White, Leroy Wilson, William N. Malone, Frank B. Mullino, Howard J. Davis, Milton Hall, James Nealy, Alexander Grant, Jr., Stepney Houston, and later William Day, became the first blacks to serve as police officers in this City.

It takes courage and commitment to be the first to go against long-held customs and traditions. These nine had the courage and commitment. Theirs was not an easy task. For many years they operated in a segregated system that limited their police authority and efforts to black neighborhoods. This changed in 1963. That year, the restrictions on their authority as police officers were removed, and they became fully integrated into the functions and operations of the department.

Today the Police Department is a different operation than it was in the segregated community of 1947. There are 84 black sworn officers in the department, including two majors, a captain, two lieutenants, and seven sergeants. There are no restrictions on assignments or duties or promotional opportunities. Further, blacks now hold positions in all levels of the civilian positions in the department. These opportunities did not exist in 1947 and only began to appear in 1963.

As we gather to honor John White on his retirement from the Savannah Police Department, it is appropriate that we also recognize the contribution made by his fellow black officers who accepted the challenge with him 37 years ago. John and these men served with dedication, distinction and courage. I commend and thank them all for their service to this community.

In closing, I want to give a special thanks and recognition to Lieutenant John White for his 37 years of service to this community. This is a remarkable span of service. John White has served this community well. I commend him for his years of service and wish him the very best in his retirement.

Sincerely,

Arthur A. Mendonsa  
City Manager

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# CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE

POST OFFICE BOX 8032

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31402



DEAR FRIENDS,

AS CHIEF OF THE SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT, IT IS WITH PRIDE AND A SENSE OF HUMILITY THAT I HONOR AND RECOGNIZE LT. JOHN A. WHITE AND THE ORIGINAL NINE BLACK OFFICERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR IMPACT ON THE HISTORY OF THIS CITY AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA. THEIR CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF 37 YEARS PLUS IN PUBLIC SERVICE, WAS PERFORMED WITH DIGNITY AND PRIDE AND HAS MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE CITIZENRY OF THIS CITY AND CAN ONLY BE MEASURED BY THEIR EXPRESSION OF DEDICATION AND LOVE FOR THEIR WORK.

THE SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ALL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ORGANIZATION EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAISE TO THESE GALLANT MEN AS WE PAUSE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ATTAINMENT OF A PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CITY.

*David M. Gellatly*  
DAVID M. GELLATLY  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## A Thirty-Seven Year Legacy

Although black readers of the Savannah Morning News on May 1, 1947 may have overlooked the second page ad for a Ronald Reagan movie, they probably paid special attention to several of the newspaper's headlines. "Jail in Alabama Stormed by Mob: Shots Fired at Negro Charged in Rape Case" appeared on page seven and "Two Negroes Scheduled to Die in Chair Today" was on page nine. Closer to home on page fourteen was "9 Negro Policemen Slated for Force."

The short news story about black policemen prepared the city for a historic departure from past racist practices. The city council's police committee was meeting the next day to consider hiring nine black policemen to patrol predominantly black areas. The story noted that the police department already employed two black matrons and a black yardman.

Back then there were no black policemen in Georgia. The races were strictly segregated and blacks were denied many rights. Only a few Southern cities—Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Va., Knoxville, Tenn., Durham, N. C., Charlotte, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Little Rock, Ark., Jacksonville, Fla., Tampa, and Miami, Fla.—had black policemen.

Blacks began making progress in the courts against many of the means which had been used to disenfranchise them. In Savannah they registered to vote in increasing numbers and pressed the city administration for a number of gains. Negotiations were held and the city agreed to hire black policemen on a limited basis. Mayor John G. Kennedy told the public that this action was necessary to help black rid "their race of the evil of gambling, liquor violations and Communistic influences..."

The hiring of black policemen had both symbolic and practical meaning for black community leaders. An important and highly visible barrier to black progress was being lowered. If done successfully, other gains could be forthcoming. They also hoped the black policemen would be more sensitive in their dealings with the black community than their white counterparts, and more effective in dealing with the criminal elements which preyed upon it.

The process of selecting black candidates for employment as policemen actually began months before the newspaper stories. Some 60 men were approached based on their characters, literacy, and military experience. Sixteen of them were secretly trained without pay in the fundamentals of police work. Meeting twice weekly for two and a half months at a masonic hall in the black community, they received more training than did many white policemen.

The nine blacks hired were Alexander Grant, Jr., John A. White, Howard J. Davis, Milton Hall, James Neely, William N. Malone, Leroy Wilson, Stepney Houston, and Frank Mullino. Eight of them were veterans of World War II and several had attended college. Before the month was over Alexander Grant was replaced by William Day.

The importance of hiring the first black policemen was underscored when they were sworn in on Saturday, May 3, 1947. Mayor Kennedy presided over the ceremony, which was held in the city council's committee room. The police chief and city attorney attended, as did Reverend R. M. Gilbert, pastor of the First African Baptist Church and John W. McGlockton, president of the Citizens Democratic Club. Reverend Gilbert, in the opening prayer for the ceremony, observed that the black policemen, their race, and the city administration were all on trial. Mr. McGlockton also spoke.

Four of the black policemen began duty the same afternoon of the swearing in ceremony. The newspapers had already announced that they would be supervised by three newly promoted white sergeants and would neither patrol white areas nor arrest white offenders. Three men to a shift, they could patrol the predominantly black areas along West Broad Street, from the Union Station to Henry Street, but not the

white area one block east on Montgomery Street. One man on each shift was eventually assigned to patrol the black portion of East Broad Street.

On Sunday, May 3, 1947 the black policemen and several other newly hired black city employees were presented to the public at the dedication of the City Recreation Center for Negroes, which was located at 37th Street and Ogeechee Road. Hundreds of persons packed the auditorium and heard such speakers as Mayor Kennedy, Judge Emmanuel Lewis, John McGlockton, W. W. Law, and Police Chief James Rogers. The black policemen were applauded when introduced.

A makeshift substation, officially designated as Precinct No. 9, was set up for the black policemen at the southeast corner of Waldburg and Burroughs Streets. Lockers were installed and the black policemen were required to store their uniform, badges, and revolvers in them when not actually on duty. This was done to avoid having uniformed black policemen seen passing through white areas on their way to and from work. They were also told not to wear their uniforms when appearing in court.

The black policemen took their <sup>first</sup> case to Police Court on Thursday, May 6, 1947. Leroy Wilson made the presentation and Alexander Scott provided supporting testimony. Their case was against a man who had hit a woman with a brick during a dispute among neighborhood children. Judge Lewis admonished the defendant for his conduct and made him apologize to the woman. Afterwards, the judge was reported to have commended the black policemen for their handling of the case.

Events in Savannah did not go unnoticed elsewhere. Atlanta was especially interested in the use of black policemen. The Atlanta Daily World sent a reporter to cover their introduction to the public and both the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution printed editorials which praised "Savannah's Experiment" and "Common-Sense Law and Order." Atlanta officials came to Savannah for a firsthand look at the black policemen here before hiring their own.

There was far more to being the first black policemen in the state than ceremonies, commendations, and editorials. In addition to the normal stresses associated with police work, these nine men had to face racial discrimination within the police department. On the street they had to contend with resentment and abuse from both blacks and whites. Recognizing the need for mutual support and wanting to be of greater assistance to their community, the black policemen formed the Escort Social Club. Through it they organized social events and contributed to various causes. The club also gave them the opportunity to meet as a group and discuss their problems and concerns.

Over the next several years five of the nine original black policemen, Stepney Houston, Milton Hall, Leroy Wilson, Frank Mullino and Howard Davis, left the police department and were replaced by other black officers.

While Sidney Barnes was police chief, the black policemen were moved from their substation to the police barracks. There they were greeted with signs reserving the restrooms and water fountains for whites only. The white prisoners had better facilities. The black policemen were segregated in a room above the radio shack and had to line up behind the white policemen at the beginning of each shift.

The civil rights struggle of the early 1960s posed a special challenge for the black policemen. Black demonstrators—many of them children—were holding marches and sit-ins against segregation day and night. If the city administration's policy of not brutalizing them was to succeed on the street, then the black policemen would have to take an active role in making arrests. Their presence and example would serve as a moderating influence on both the demonstrators and the white policemen. The black policemen performed their duties as humanely as possible, and helped Savannah to avoid much of the violence which took place in other cities. At the same time, they were very much aware that <sup>the</sup> demonstrations were for their



rights as well.

Three of the original nine black policemen retired from the police department after long tenures in public service: James Neely, 25 years; William Malone, 35 years; and, John White, 37 years.

The story of The Original Nine, as these first black officers came to be known, is one of accepting challenges. The black officers had to reconcile personal and professional values under often demeaning conditions; black and white members of the public were faced with accepting blacks in a non-traditional role of authority; and the city administration attempted to respond to black demands for equality while maintaining its white support. The extent to which we continue to accept challenges will be the ultimate measure of their success.

### **Sgt. White Recognition Banquet Committee**

Alderman Floyd Adams

Alderman Otis Johnson

Rev. Dr. Charles Pitts

Warren Jones

Mrs. Rosemary Banks

Fraternal Order of Police officer - Franklin Riversbank, President

Brian Gore

Major Frank Ingram

Captain Fletcher Cross

Lieutenant Willie Williams

Lieutenant Kenneth Pendergraph

Sergeant David Jones

Sergeant William Benyard

Sergeant Willie Lovett

Detective Rev. Howard Wilson

Detective Frank Chappel

Ms. Ruth Akinbami

Willie Morris

## Programme

Musical Prelude.....	Rev. Dr. Charles Pitts
Toastmaster.....	Sergeant David Jones
Welcome and Occasion.....	Lieutenant W. L. Williams
Invocation.....	Detective Howard Wilson
Solo.....	Jesse Kearse
Expressions.....	Sidney B. Barnes Deputy Sheriff State Court Chief David M. Galletley Judge Eugene Gadsden Mr. John W. McGlockton Rev. S. A. Baker Dr. George Napper Public Safety Commissioner of Atlanta Curtis V. Cooper
Dinner	
Solo.....	Ms. Idella Jones
Introduction of Speaker.....	Ruth Akinbami
Speaker.....	Mr. W. W. Law
Presentations.....	Leo Center Mayor Pro-Tem Chief David Galletley Major Frank Ingram III Don Mendonsa City Manager The Savannah Community Otis S. Johnson Alderman Rosemary Banks
Remarks	
Benediction.....	Rev. Matthew S. Brown

## **Special Thanks**

The Committee wishes to express their sincere thanks for your presence here tonight.

Your thoughtfulness and support will always remain strong in the memory of Lt. John A. White and the Original Nine.

Special Thanks to the following businesses:

Savannah Distributing

Standard Distributor

Georgia Crown Distributor Co.

Beverage Sales Co.

Savannah Beer Wholesaler Association

Alko Distributors Inc.

Coastal Beverage

H—H of Savannah, Inc.

Kem Distributor

Savannah Beverage System

Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.

The Herald of Savannah, Inc.

Hellenic Center, Mr. Nick Pappas

## **Ushers**

Miss Unique Dolls Contestants

Unique Dolls Social Civic Club

Franklyn Jenkins



Staff Photo by STEVE BISSON

## *A Veteran's Farewell*

Savannah police Chief David Gellatly presents Sgt. John White with a new lieutenant's badge Wednesday during a party for White who retired from the department after 37 years service. The Savannah Police Department in 1947 was the first

police force in Georgia to allow black officers in the ranks. White was one of nine black officers to join the department and is the only one of the nine who lasted 37 years. Police officers also plan to hold a goodbye roast for White next month.

# INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

DATE October 9, 1979

TO Sergeant J. A. White through Major Ingram

FROM David G. Epstein - Chief of Police

SUBJECT Letter of Commendation

REFERENCE Burglary-in-Progress - CRN 790905545

On the morning of September 24, 1979 you received a report of a burglary-in-progress at 718 West Broad Street and arrived in time to observe a subject attempting to leave the scene. With your back-up unit you cut off the suspect's escape, captured him, and later discovered a hole in the wall where an apparent entry had been attempted. You were extremely observant and observed chips of concrete blocks in the ripple-soles of the suspect's shoes and in the cuffs of his pants which clearly tied him to the burglary. This was a fine example of splendid field investigation.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

DGE:dpc  
CC: Personnel

OCT 10 1979

# Gunman, 63, Wounded By Officer

A 63-year-old man was shot and seriously wounded by a police officer this morning after he fired at a fellow officer with a shotgun.

Arthur Moore, of 23 Dundee St., was taken to Memorial Medical Center shortly after 11 a.m.

Capt. C. J. Murphy said Moore was hit once in the stomach by a bullet fired by Sgt. J. A. White. He said White fired four times.

According to police, the shooting occurred when White and Patrolman W. N. Malone responded to a call from a woman identified as a Mrs. Williams at 10 Dundee St.

Murphy said that as Malone

pulled up in front of 13 Dundee St. a man later identified as Moore stepped out of an alleyway and fired a 12 gauge automatic shotgun at him. A man standing nearby, identified as the Rev. General Grant of 3121 Montgomery St., deflected the gun barrel causing the blast to miss the officer, Murphy said.

Murphy said Moore fired twice at Malone, who dropped to the ground, and then turned the gun towards White who had driven up in another car. White drew his pistol and fired four times at Moore, hitting him once in the stomach, he said.

Mrs. Williams had called the police station about 11 a.m. to report that there was a man in the street firing a shotgun, Murphy said. He said there was evidence of the shotgun having been fired in the neighborhood and that shotgun shells were found in Moore's pockets after he was taken to the medical center.



*J. A. White*

# City of Savannah, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

April 11, 1968

Chief Leo B. Ryan  
Savannah Police Department  
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Chief Ryan:

I wish to commend each officer of the Savannah Police Department for his exemplary conduct and devotion to duty throughout the difficult, tense period through which we have just passed.

The restraint, alertness and decorum of each police officer together with the personal discipline he has shown have proved the Savannah Police Department a force of superior men. My respect, the respect of City Government officials and of our entire community has been earned by the conduct of the officers of the Savannah Police Department, and I ask that you be so kind as to convey my genuine appreciation and esteem to each of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Picot B. Floyd".

Picot B. Floyd  
City Manager

F:S;j  
CM-68-420

P. S. I am having a copy of this letter posted in each man's permanent service record.

A. PRATT ADAMS, JR.  
THOMAS H. ADAMS  
EDWARD T. BRENNAN  
JAY D. GARDNER

JULIAN R. FRIEDMAN  
RICHARD J. HARRIS  
SAM P. INGLESBY, JR.  
J. WILEY ELLIS

LAW OFFICES  
ADAMS, ADAMS & BRENNAN  
15 DRAYTON STREET  
P. O. BOX 338  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31402

FILE IN EMPLOYEE'S  
PERSONNEL FOLDER

TELEPHONE  
232-2612  
AREA CODE  
912

MAR 8 1967

March 6, 1967

Mr. Leo Ryan  
Savannah Chief of Police  
Savannah Police Department  
323 East Oglethorpe Avenue  
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Chief Ryan:

On last Sunday I had automobile trouble on Liberty Street between Drayton and Abercorn. A police officer, who obviously knew something about cars, stopped and adjusted my distributor and got me going again. He had a plate with his name on it and I believe it was White.

Anyway, this officer was extremely courteous and helpful and I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated this action of his above and beyond the call of duty.

Yours very truly,

*Edward T. Brennan*

Edward T. Brennan

ETB/ljt

*P.S. This happened Sunday a week ago.*



File: Sgt. J. I. White

Personnel File

Chief of Police  
Police Headquarters  
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Sir:

There are too few times that compliments are given in comparison to complaints, therefore, this is one time when compliments are well deserved.

I was involved in an automobile accident on June 1, 1966 in your city of Savannah, Georgia. It was an ordeal to be so far from home under these circumstances but the situation was greatly alleviated by the manner in which your police officers, Sgt. White, and Officer Reynolds handled the matter. They were very kind, helpful and efficient.

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My husband and I would  
like to extend our thanks and  
appreciation to both officers,  
Sgt. White and Officer Reynolds.  
They are an asset to your Police  
Force.

Very truly yours,  
(Mrs.) Harriet Bernstein  
122 Orchard Court  
Essex, New Jersey

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
P. O. BOX 6458  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, 31405  
MARCH 7, 1966

Mr. Leo B. Ryan  
Chief of Police  
Savannah Police Department  
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Chief Ryan:

In connection with our case concerning John Henry Carter, Richard Christolm, Robert Brown, Jr., James Lamar Rogers, and James Ailen Parker, Theft From Interstate Shipment, I would like to personally commend the following officers of your department for their exemplary police work and excellent cooperation that they have furnished to this office in this case. Without the alert action and competent work that these men have done, this case would have involved much additional work and expense by both this department and your department in bringing this case to a logical conclusion.

Please express my sincere appreciation and congratulations to each of the following officers of your department who have done such a fine job and are a credit to the Savannah, Georgia, Police Department. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for each of their personnel files.

➔ Officer Jay C. Wilson  
Sergeant John A. White  
Sergeant Marvin G. Edwards  
Sergeant Wilbur Cubbedge  
Detective Royce E. Tuttle  
Detective H. E. Fields  
Detective John J. Brown  
Lieutenant Clinton J. Murphy  
Sergeant James E. Weaver

It is indeed a pleasure for me to write a letter such as this and I would like to also express my appreciation for the past cooperation that your department has always shown to this Bureau. If I or any of my associates can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James T. Neagle  
Special Agent in Charge

OCT 29 1963

October 28, 1963

To: Sergeant J. A. White ✓  
Detective F. W. Wade  
Detective D. Jones

From: Chief of Police

Reference: Commendation

I should like to take this opportunity to commend the above named officers for the outstanding police work displayed in solving the burglary of the Firestone Stores of recent date.

As a result of your diligence in conducting the investigation a quantity of merchandise was recovered and several arrests were made in accordance therewith.

My personal thanks and appreciation to each of you for a job well done.

Very truly yours,

S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

SBB/jas:ml

*Times*  
**Sergeant's  
Rank Given  
To Negro**

A Negro policeman has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and will supervise Negro officers trained in riot control, Chief Sidney B. Barnes Jr. announced yesterday.

The new sergeant is J. A. White. He was promoted from the rank of corporal.

Barnes said White "will not head a riot squad as such, but will be in charge of Negro officers trained to control riots and disorders."

He said White will work with Sgt. M. E. Kendrick, who heads the department's 13-man riot squad, in training the Negro officers in riot control.

**Two Reassigned**

Barnes also announced that Detectives F. W. Wade and David Jones have been reassigned to the uniform division due to a shortage of uniform personnel.

He said the division is 12 men short of its authorized strength and he will use the Negro detectives "as long as they are needed" in uniform.

Barnes said Negro Detective W. E. Wallace, who is assigned to the juvenile division, will remain in that position.

# INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

DATE November 19, 1962

TO Captain L. E. Mahany  
Captain L. T. Hathaway

FROM Chief of Police

SUBJECT Reassignment

REFERENCE Detective J. A. White

Effective this date the above named detective is hereby relieved of his present duties and reassigned to the Uniform Division.

In his new assignment the officer shall be responsible for the training of the newly appointed colored officers and shall familiarize each of the new officers with their respective assignments.

The officer shall be assigned under the direct supervision of the Patrol Supervisor and shall from time to time be under the supervision of the Relief Commanders.

The officer shall at the completion of each 30 days for a period of three months submit an evaluation report of each "rookie officer" assigned under his supervision to the Patrol Supervisor in an effort to improve the individuals efficiency toward his duties.

By Order:

S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

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# City of Savannah, Georgia

SIDNEY B. BARNES, JR.  
CHIEF OF POLICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

P. O. BOX 1600



June 7, 1961

To: Detective C. J. Murphy  
Detective R. E. Whitten  
Detective R. E. Tuttle  
Detective H. O. Martin  
Detective C. C. Dickerson  
Detective J. A. White

From: Chief of Police

-COMMENDATION-

I should like to take this opportunity to commend the above named officers for the outstanding police work demonstrated individually and collectively in effecting the arrest of Leon Mitchell, Raymond Richardson and Nathaniel Hamilton who were charged with the offense of burglary.

Such accomplishments can only be made by perseverance and concentrated effort. Interrogations, evidence, statements, etc. are an integral part of preparing cases for prosecution, all of which has been consolidated for court presentation.

I feel certain the people of our city join me in expressing their wholehearted appreciation for a Job Well Done.

Yours most sincerely,

*S. B. Barnes, Jr.*  
S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

SBBJr:snl



5-25-60  
L.A.S.

May 25, 1960

To: Officer J. A. White  
From: Chief of Police  
Concerning: Commendation

COMMENDATION

I should like to take this opportunity to commend the above named officer for the outstanding performance of police work demonstrated in the case of Jeff Wallace, C/M, age 34 who was killed by Detective White while in the performance of his official police duties.

Detective White demonstrated an outstanding ability as a police officer and while his very life was endangered displayed a courage above and beyond the call of duty. Indeed, it reflects much credit to Detective White and, as well, the department he represents to have this caliber of police officer to represent the Savannah Police Department.

My personal thanks and appreciation to Detective White for a job WELL DONE.

Very truly yours,

S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

SBBJr:snl

CC:Mr. J. O. Hall  
City Manager

Mr. L. A. Sox ✓  
Civil Service

June 15, 1959

Lieutenant A. J. Bragg  
Relief Lieutenant

Re: Officer J. A. White


COMMENDATION

I should like to take this opportunity to commend the above named officer for his outstanding police work demonstrated in effecting the arrest of Cleveland Daniels who robbed Hal's Market located at Montgomery and 60th Streets. Daniels was also charged with larceny of a 1951 Chevrolet.

Officer White, displayed an outstanding ability as a police officer. Accomplishments such as these attract much credit to the entire department, as well as to the arresting officer. Furthermore, it serves as a deterrent to the criminal element, when a subject is arrested within a short period of time.

I should like to add my personal thanks and appreciation for a JOB WELL DONE.

Very truly yours,

  
S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

SBBJr/snl

cc/Civil Service  
Personnel File

March 20, 1959

To: Lieutenant A. J. Bregg

Subject: Commendation

Concerning: Officer J. A. White - Officer E. B. Lewis

COMMENDATION

I should like to take this opportunity to commend the above mentioned officers for the outstanding police work demonstrated in effecting the arrest of an escaped felon one Henry Rivers on March 17, 1959.

It is indeed a compliment to the officers and certainly to the Department to have such men as these as members of our fine organization.

My personal thanks and appreciation for a JOB WELL DONE!

Very truly yours,

  
S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

SBBJr/snl

*Chief of Police*

November 4, 1958

Deputy Chief C. W. Weber  
Detective Division

RE: Officer E. Golden  
Officer W. E. Wallace  
Officer J. A. White ✓  
Officer J. C. Sibert

Dear Chief Weber:

I should like to take this opportunity to personally commend the above mentioned officers for their outstanding police work in effecting the arrest of Leroy Williams.

As a result of their diligent efforts in conducting this investigation the subject was convicted of Armed Robbery. This investigation brought to a successful conclusion, is evidence of alertness, diligence and determination to the cause of duty.

Futhermore, the officers should also be recognized for the swift apprehension of Isaac Baker, who was taken into custody on a charge of murder.

To each of these officers I should like to express my personal congratulations for a job well done.

Very truly yours,

  
S. B. Barnes, Jr.  
Chief of Police

cc/Civil Service  
City Manager  
Personnel