



On August 23, 1926, Chief of Detectives Jessie Laster was traveling home with his family after a night out with friends. The family car was stopped by an armed man standing in the roadway northwest of the city. It is believed that the unknown man thought the Laster vehicle was occupied by bootleggers trying to move in on his territory. When he found out that Laster was a police detective, he shot and killed him. The murderer was never identified or captured.