



On December 18, 1928, Detectives Alex Brown and Ed Hall went to Cartersville to question Claude Miller on a forgery case. When they made contact, Miller pulled a gun on the detectives and disarmed them both. As Miller went to the detective's car to make his getaway, Detective Brown went to a nearby house and secured a shotgun. He ran back to the his car just as Miller was about to drive away. As Detective Brown raised the gun and attempted to fire, Miller fired at him before driving away. Miller's bullet struck Brown, passing through his chest. He died a few hours later. Miller was captured and sentenced to life in prison but in 1946, he was given a new trial and because of a lack of witnesses, he was released.