



On December 31, 1904, Officer Claude Brice received information that a business on the 100 block of Main was about to be burglarized. As he went to investigate, he saw a couple of suspicious characters standing in the shadows of the northwest corner of 1st and Main. As one of them ran, he ordered him to stop. A gun battle ensued. Officer Brice was shot and died almost instantly. Three men were arrested: Estile Butler, Teddy Daley, and John Franklin. Each received long prison sentences, but Daley and Franklin later escaped.