



On April 14, 1903, Officer Theodore Leslie was investigating the theft of a gun from a hardware store when he was shot and killed. The suspect was Thomas Gilyard, a tramp who was hiding in a boxcar on the tracks near Broadway. the tramp began firing at the officer and shot him in the head. Leslie died almost instantly. Gilyard was captured the next day and placed in the city jail. But once again, an angry mob stormed the jail, taking Gilyard to the corner of 2nd and Main where he was hung.