

Officer Down

Chief of Police Mack Carringer
Town of Murphy Police Department
North Carolina

Biographical Info

Age: 27

Tour of Duty: 5 months

Incident Details

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Date of Incident: Tuesday, October 7, 1930

Weapon Used: Handgun; .45 caliber

Suspect Info: One shot and killed

Chief Carringer was shot and killed in a shootout at Lovers Leap while he and two officers attempted to arrest three men wanted for robbery. The three men had robbed a general store in Coker Creek, Tennessee, and took the store owner hostage. The three men let the hostage go in North Carolina and the man was able to call police. The three officers located the men at Lovers Leap and engaged them in a shootout. Chief Carringer and one of the suspects were shot and killed and the other two officers were wounded. The two remaining suspects were apprehended. One was sentenced to 15 years and the second was sentenced to 30 years.

Chief Carringer had been with the Murphy Police Department for five months. He was survived by his wife and son.