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FOP seeks help with Murder Mystery of Officer Nathaniel Henry!

In 2018 a Rick Walsh of Cheyenne WY came across an article of a capture of a **Murder Suspect James Brown, aka the "Cincinnati Kid"** while he was researching information on Fallen Police Officers. The article was from a Norfolk VA newspaper dated January 22, 1906 and stated that Brown had been arrested there for the **December 24th, 1905 murder of a Cambridge Police Officer Henry** and that the warrant for his arrest was from **Dorchester County Sheriff Milford Phillips Office**. Mr. Walsh researched the information and found that Cambridge did not list Officer Henry as a Fallen Officer and that he was not on the National Memorial of Fallen Officers in Washington D.C., which goes all the way back to the 1700's. In November of 2018 he forwarded his findings to Chief Mark Lewis of the Cambridge Police Department. Chief Lewis and Sheriff James Phillips looked into the matter together due to the fact that the Cambridge Police Department, which was formed in 1904, fell under the authority of the Sheriff's Office from 1904 to 1910 during its early years. Their investigation was unable to reveal any further information.

In March of 2019 Chief Lewis turned the matter over to the **Fraternal Order of Police, Cambridge-Dorchester Lodge # 27**. During 2019 I research the matter and found an article in the Dorchester County Library (micro film data) dated January 26th, 1906 also about the arrest of the Suspect Brown and that he was under arrest in Norfolk Virginia for the December 24th, 1905 murder of **Cambridge Officer "Nathaniel Henry"**. Brown had obtained an attorney and was fighting his return to Maryland. Neither article gives any further details on the suspect, the officer or if it was an In the Line of Duty Death. Nathaniel might not even be Officer Henry's first name.

During 2019 I continued to look for further evidence in court records for a Trial Case for Brown or information on Officer Nathaniel Henry's death. I looked at the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Circuit Courts and even asked the help of the Dorchester County Historical Society for any newspaper articles or records to include an Estate or Death Certificate for Officer Henry and also the location of his burial site. After months of looking and being aided by others nothing further could be located. I even did a news story on the local TV news in the fall of 2019 but heard nothing back.

Therefore, we have a **115-year-old Murder Mystery** because without more information Officer Henry's name can not be placed on the National Police Officer's Memorial in Washington DC. I believe, based on the 2 newspaper articles, that he was indeed killed but was it in the Line of Duty or not is an unknown. It is my hope, through this article, that someone out there has family members who might know about this or has an old scrap book or other documents in their attic that might shed light upon this mystery and help place this Officer's name, who might have given his full measure, on the Roll Call Wall of Officers who have Fallen in the Line of Duty. Please contact me if you are able to help.

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