

# Homicide, Burglary Chiefs Shifted In Police Shakeup

## Handling Of Carrier Death Cited

An extensive reorganization of police executive assignments transferring 14 men, including most of the branch commanders, was announced today by Chief Winston L. Churchill.

Churchill announced the changes, effective immediately, after a meeting with deputy chiefs.

"There have been several things in the department which have made us take stock in the department and tighten the draw strings," Churchill said. He gave these reasons:

**1** The disappearance of material from the central record files.

**2** The handling of the investigation locally of the unsolved slaying of a newsboy Oct. 3.

**3** The escape of a convict from the county jail while in the custody of a detective who since has been indicted.

Transfers include the two top men in the homicide and robbery branch, the head of central records and the head of the special investigations team.

Maj. WILLIAM POND, personnel officer and second in command of the inspection and training division, exchanges jobs with Maj. BEUFRED MARCY, second in command of the investigations division, Churchill said.

Other changes include:

Capt. SHELDON LASKY, head of the juvenile branch, to head of the central records branch.

Capt. KENNETH LUKE, head of central records, to head of the burglary and larceny branch.

Capt. EDWARD CLOUSE, head of the homicide and robbery branch, to head of the juvenile branch.

Capt. RAYMOND KOERS, head of the burglary and larceny branch, to head of the homicide and robbery branch.

Lt. JAMES SNELLENBERGER, head of special investigations, to field investigations.

Lt. CHAUNCEY WITTER, field investigations, to head of special investigations.

Sgt. LOUIS TANDY, special investigations, to field investigations.

Sgt. ED MARCUM, homicide and robbery, to special investigations.

Lt. PATRICK UBERTA, homicide and robbery, to burglary and larceny.

Lt. JOSEPH McATEE, field operations, to homicide and robbery.

Lt. CHESTER SANDERS, field investigations, to field operations.

Sgt. KIRBY CRAWLEY, narcotics branch, to field operations.

Koers was deputy chief of the investigations division under the previous city administration, and Clouse was juvenile branch head until being moved to homicide and robbery last year.

**Approved By Kimbell**

Churchill said he had discussed the changes with Allan R. Kimbell, director of the Department of Public Safety, and had Kimbell's approval.

Churchill also said Kimbell has approved promotion of Capt. James Langford, head of the finance section, to acting major at major's pay.

The three incidents Churchill cited in the decision included the disappearance from central records of files kept on Damon L. Kottou, president of Speedway Cab Co., whose firm's license has been withheld from renewal because of an investigation into alleged gambling activities involving the firm's employees.

The escape involved Detective Sgt. Vernon Fallings, who was suspended and indicted by the Marion County Grand Jury on a charge of allowing a prisoner to escape, after Louis "The Doc" Morrow, convicted on bad check charges, disappeared from the jail in the company of a detective, believed to have been Fallings.