

Patrolman Mike Partin

IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998, should have been the day Tristate police officers removed the black bands from their badges, the end of a 30-day mourning period for two fallen Cincinnati officers. But the black bands stayed on, this time for rookie Covington Officer Mike Partin.



Partin was trying to help another officer catch a fleeing man on the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge. On the force just 15 months, he drowned in the cold Ohio River after falling from the bridge. He fell into the water wearing a black band across his own silver badge.



Despite an intensive search that included divers and boats and went on for weeks, the river did not give up Officer Partin's body until May 18, when it was found 9 1/2 miles west of the bridge.

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