

02-11-1966 Manhattan NY – Stanley Butch – Leo Fell in water attempting to grapple a car



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Bio & Incident Details

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Badge # 8971

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The Corpus Christi Caller-Times

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A group of teenagers stoned a policeman while in the search for a drowned boy, then robbed him after he dived into the East River to save a man. The patrolman, Stanley Butch, was stoned by the boys while manning a police launch yesterday afternoon.

Two other officers were grappling for the body of 14-year-old Samuel Snell who had dived into the river and failed to come up. The body was not recovered. While the search was on, Earl Lechenmier, 58, of Manhattan, leaped into the water. Butch moved the launch to shore, doffed his shoes, cap, and jacket containing \$5, and dived in to rescue Lechenmier. As he hauled the man to shore, the youths made off with Butch's belongings. The thieves, described only as about 14 or 13 years old, escaped. Meantime, it was learned that Lechenmier had been taken earlier from the tracks of a Brooklyn subway station.