



# News Release

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**Kenneth Coontz, Chief of Police**

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: February 5, 2016**

**No: 6**

**Subject: Officer Michael R. Hutchison**

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary that Mansfield Police Officer Michael R. Hutchison was shot and killed while attempting to apprehend Charles Cotton who had tried to cash a stolen check at the T & A Market, 660 South Diamond Street. Auxiliary Police Officer Roger Casler was also shot and injured during the incident.

Within minutes of the call, twenty or more Officers, Deputies and off-duty Officers were on the scene. Cotton was captured during a car stop on Interstate 71 by the Ohio State Patrol. Cotton was convicted for the murder of Officer Hutchison and remains incarcerated.

Officer Hutchison was a Vietnam veteran who had served in the Navy prior to his appointment to the Mansfield Police Department on March 3, 1973.

At the time of Officer Hutchison's death; he was survived by his wife Scarlet, his son Kevin and his daughter Debra.

Please remember Mansfield Officer Michael Hutchison, Officer Brian Evan, Officer John Englehart Jr. and Lt. William J. Taylor who have died in the line of duty, and all other law enforcement officers, who have given their life to protect us. We also would like to take this opportunity to recognize the ultimate sacrifice by Danville Police Officer Thomas Cottrell.

Stay safe and vigilant at all times.

ISSUED BY:

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CHIEF OF POLICE