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By E. J. KISSELL

Martin J. McFadden, a neighborhood stroller by inclination, felt good about yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding on-street searches of suspicious persons.

"I knew I was right, and I was, because the U.S. Supreme Court in Washing-

ton said I was," said McFadden, who made the arrests in 1963 that resulted in yesterday's decision.

At 67, McFadden also has the distinction of being the oldest detective in the police department. He has been a detective 38 of his 43 years as a policeman.

FOR OFF-DUTY relaxation he walks to keep fit. He lives at 9708 Clifton Boulevard N.W.

On duty, McFadden does his walking on his beat, the downtown area, where he keeps an eye out for shoplifters and pickpockets.

It was here that he gained fame for his frequent arrests of Louie the Dip, the late Louis Finklestein, one

of Cleveland's finest pickpockets.

It was also here, on the afternoon of Oct. 31, 1963, that McFadden stopped and frisked two men strolling back and forth before a jewelry store in the vicinity of Playhouse Square.

HE FOUND a pistol on John W. Terry, then 31, of 1275 E. 105th Street, and one on Richard D. Chilton, 1610 Lotus Drive S.E., 26. Both were convicted of carrying concealed weapons.

"I'm always watching people on the street," said McFadden. "That's how I saw these two fellows."

"McFadden is a very courageous, determined policeman," said Police Chief Michael J. Blackwell.

McFadden said he saw Terry and Chilton peer into the window of a jewelry store 24 times.

"These fellows were going to perpetrate a crime if the opportunity presented itself," he said.

CHILTON, after serving 13 months in prison, was killed in the holdup of a Columbus drugstore June 16, 1967.

Terry, convicted on



Detective
Martin J. McFadden
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charges of possessing heroin, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison last year. He was paroled after a year in prison on the weapons charge.

McFadden yesterday reminisced about his late adversary, Louie the Dip:

"It used to be when he saw me he'd walk over, because he knew I was going to throw him in the klink over night, preventing somebody from being taken by him.

"But times have changed, as you know, and the police can't do that anymore."