

# 1993

Detective Keith King  
Detective Jamie Myers  
Lieutenant Lonnie Sparkman

## Lake County Sheriff's Department

The largest burglary to ever target a business in Lake County occurred in May 1993, when thieves struck at the Pawn Shop in Painesville Township. In terms of dollar loss, the suspects made off with over \$650,000 worth of pawned jewelry.

The task of investigating the break-in was assigned to the newly formed detective bureau of the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Dan Dunlap had brought the unit back into existence in January 1993, and assigned Deputies King and Myers as detectives, under the supervision of Lieutenant Sparkman.

The unit quickly and successfully investigated the break-in, by arresting a suspect and recovering the majority of the stolen property. Chief Deputy William Crosier lauded the unit, stating that over \$1 million in stolen property had been recovered in the short time the unit had been back in operation.

Sheriff Dunlap stated that "in police work, most people admire the guys who hit home runs. These guys hit a home run with the pawn case." Dunlap further stated that they had been hitting for average all year long.

These officers received their award, along with two Mentor officers, at the Blue Coats annual banquet on February 2, 1994.

All three of these officers have retired from the Lake County Sheriff Department.