

More About J.D. Hudson:

1948 — ["Atlanta's First Patrol Of Negroes On Duty"](#) (4/04/1948)

The color barrier in Atlanta's Police Bureau is broken.

1949 — ["Courts And County Affairs"](#) (11/01/1949)

Rookie APD Officer J.D. Hudson, 22, charged with assault and battery on a prisoner. He would return to the force after a brief suspension and fine, and over thirty years later would become the director of the Atlanta Prison Farm. I speculate that it certainly must not have been easy to be among the first officers to integrate Atlanta's police department.

1971 — ["On The Trail Of The Champion Robbers"](#) (6/06/1971, *Atlanta Journal and Constitution Magazine*)

"Detectives believe they have solved one of Atlanta's most amazing cases."

Feature story about veteran APD officer Lt. J.D. Hudson (see 10/23/1971) and his partner, Lt. Joe Amos, solving a wild robbery at a party the night of the Muhammad Ali-Jerry Quarry fight on October 26, 1970.

1971 — ["Capt. Hudson: Third Black Heads City Department"](#) (10/23/1971)

"Atlanta city government got its third back department head Friday when Mayor Sam Massell named newly promoted Police Capt. J.D. (John David Hudson) to head the sprawling City Prison Farm."

1974 — ["Jails Are A Headache Nobody Wants" / "Atlanta Ready For A Change" / "New Jail Chief 'Frustrated Social Worker'" / "Nation's Police Getting Out Of City Detention Business"](#) (5/02/1974)

APD will no longer run the insides of jails but will still maintain administrative authority over them. A new city Bureau of Corrections forms, and J.D. Hudson is appointed director of the city jail as well as the city prison farm.

1976 — ["'Gross Intimidation And Hounding': High Ranking Jail Officer Resigns Post"](#) (7/15/1976)

1976 — ["Gibson Clears Jail Director"](#) (7/20/1976)

"No evidence of wrongdoing" found against city jail director J.D. Hudson, who also oversees the city prison farm (see above article).

1976 — ["Didn't Report What She Knew: Guard Feared Jail Sex Case Coverup"](#) (12/14/1976)

1976 — ["Incidents Spark Move: Mayor Wants Jail Returned To Eaves"](#) (12/16/1976)

1983 — ["Jailhouse Blues/Atlanta's Top Jailer Under Fire"](#) (11/11/1983)

1990 — ["Audit: City Money Diverted to Corrections Fund"](#) (2/20/1990)

"The Atlanta Corrections Bureau improperly spent thousands of public dollars that were diverted into a special fund controlled by embattled Director J.D. Hudson, according to city finance officials. Money that should have gone into the city treasury was funneled to the Corrections Officers Benevolent Fund for at least five years and possibly as long as 14 years, said the officials, who requested

anonymity." Cigarette vending machines at prison and city-owned housing at prison also implicated.

1990 — ["Hudson Quits Amid Probe, May Run For Sheriff"](#) (4/19/1990)

1990 — ["City Report Links Ex-Corrections Director, Female Employee"](#) (5/01/1990)

J.D. Hudson, retired Director of the Atlanta Prison Farm (also appointed Corrections Director in 1974 by Mayor Maynard Jackson) accused of special favors for a female sergeant, Sgt. Jacqueline Taylor, including free housing on the prison farm site (six such city-owned houses were on the property at this time; also see 1966, 1967 housing scandals).

2004 — ["Carjack Suspect Shot By Victim / Retired Officer Is Wounded In Shootout"](#) (9/25/2004)

J.D. Hudson fatally shoots a suspect that attempted to rob him at home in his driveway.

2004 — ["'Chicken Man' and the cop"](#) (11/04/2004, *Creative Loafing*)

2005 — ["John Davis Hudson Interview"](#) (length: 1:47:38, [Atlanta History Center](#)).

2009 — J.D. Hudson passes away ([obituary](#))

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