





# HISTORY ON FOOT

• FORD'S THEATRE •

**CASE FILE OF  
DET. JAMES MCDEVITT  
APRIL 1865**



On the night of April 14, 1865,  
Detective James McDevitt was  
on duty at the Washington  
Metropolitan Police headquarters,  
a half-block from Ford's Theatre.  
Just before 10:30, frantic witnesses  
rushed in with horrifying news:  
President Lincoln had been shot  
at the theatre. Today, you will join  
Detective McDevitt in revisiting  
the sites and reexamining the clues  
from the investigation into the  
Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy.

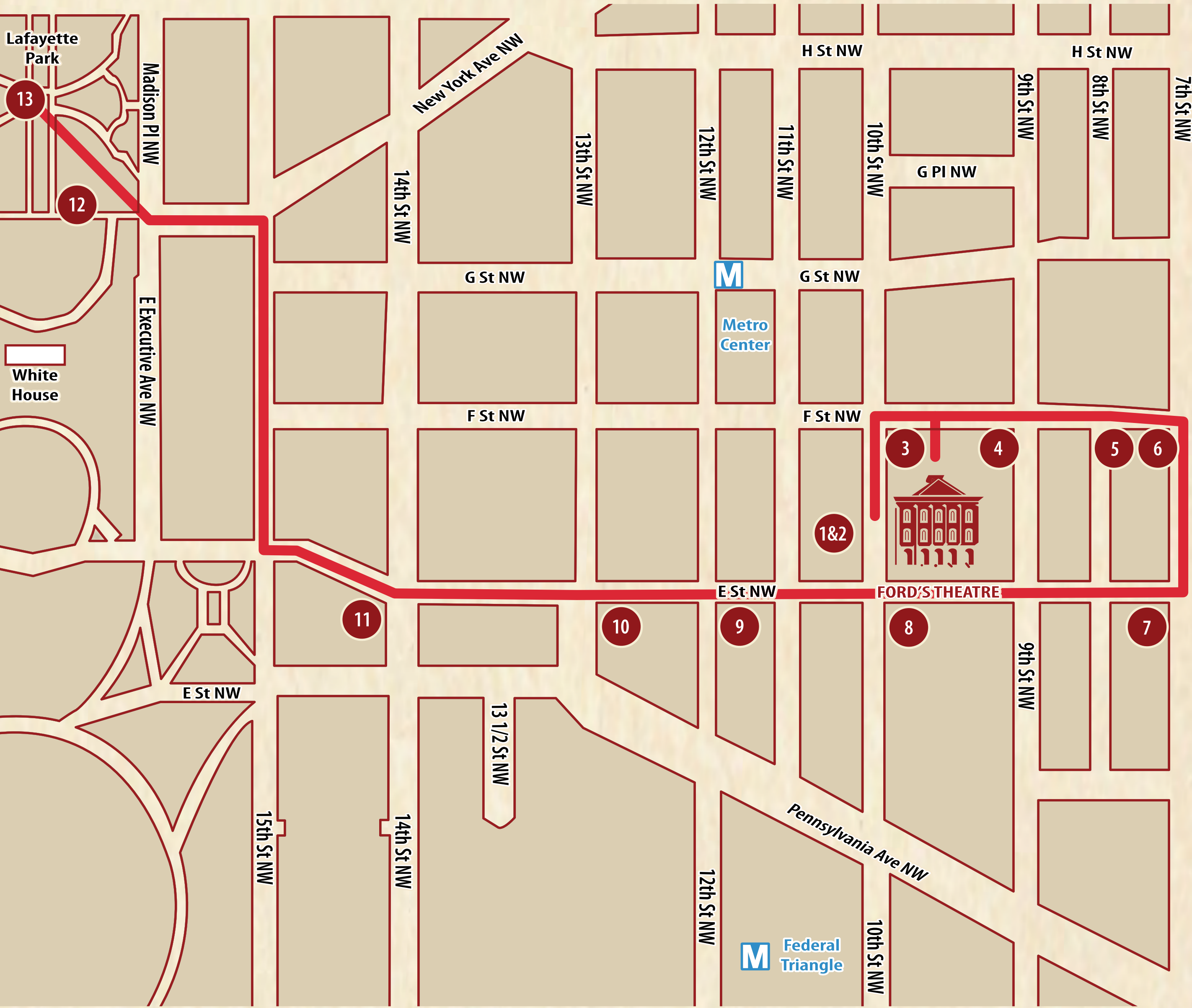


# The Investigation Trail Stops

- 1&2 Outside Ford's Theatre and Peterson House
- 3 Baptist Alley
- 4 Southwest Corner of F and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 5 Corner of F and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 6 Corner of F and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 7 Corner of E and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 8 Corner of E and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 9 Corner of E and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets
- 10 Freedom Plaza
- 11 Corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Ave.
- 12 Lafayette Park, Madison Place
- 13 Lafayette Park, across from the White House

Stops on the tour may be skipped or combined due to inclement weather, construction, road closures or other extenuating circumstances.

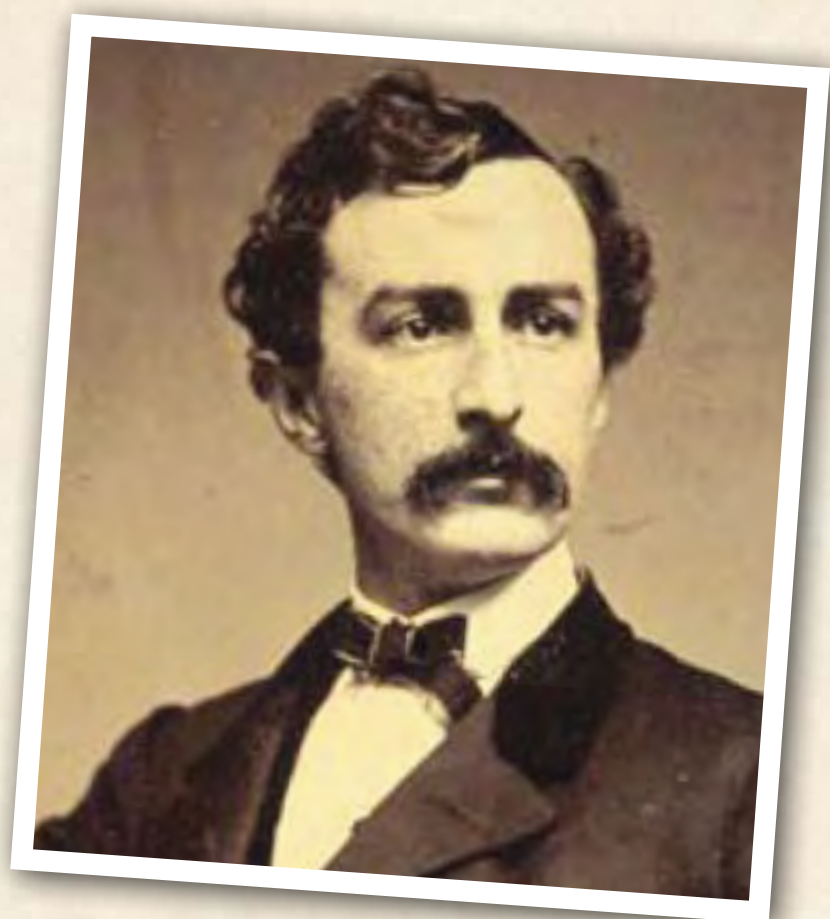
# The Investigation Trail



Please note that there will be no bathroom breaks during the mile walk.



# Persons of Interest



## John Wilkes Booth

**Age:** 26

**Date of Birth:** May 10, 1838

**Place of Birth:** Bel Air, MD

**Occupation:** Actor

**Remarks:** Identified by several eyewitnesses as the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. Believed to have fled on a bay mare toward the Washington Navy Yard Bridge into Southern Maryland. Possible injury to his leg; may shave his mustache or employ other means of disguise. Considered armed and dangerous.



## Edman Spangler

**Age:** 39

**Aliases:** Ned, Edward, Edmund

**Date of Birth:** August 10, 1825

**Place of Birth:** York, PA

**Occupation:** Stagehand at Ford's Theatre since 1853

**Remarks:** Known associate of John Wilkes Booth and Southern sympathizer. May have abetted Booth's escape from the theatre.



## Lewis Thornton Powell

**Age:** 20

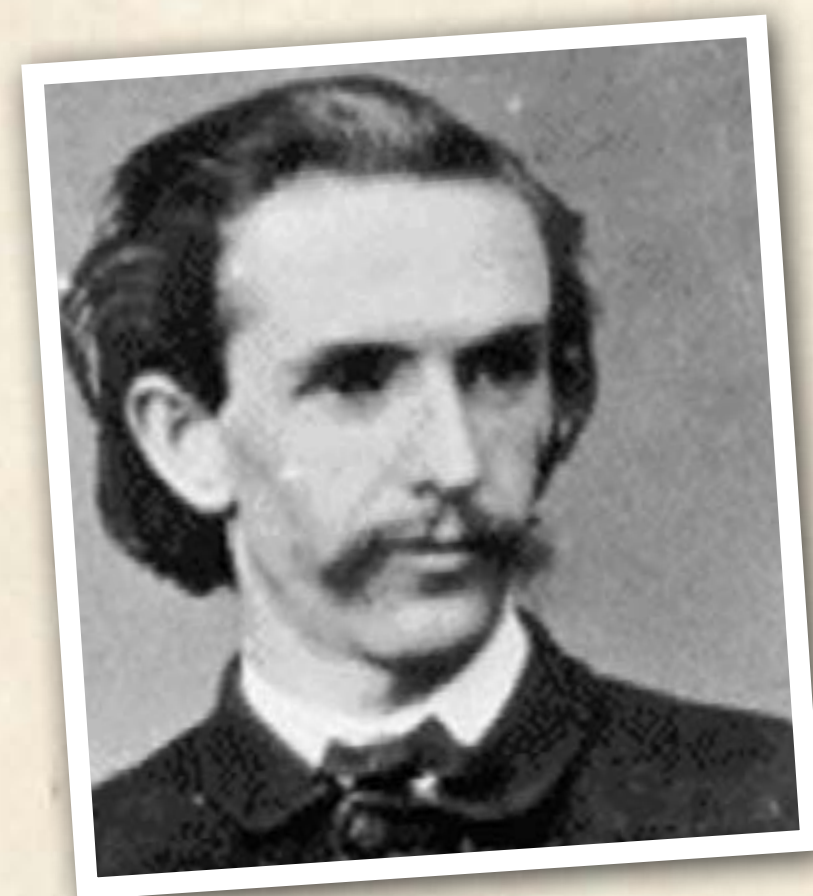
**Aliases:** Lewis Paine, Lewis Payne, Lewis Kensler

**Date of Birth:** April 22, 1844

**Place of Birth:** Alabama

**Occupation:** Soldier

**Remarks:** Escaped POW; Confederate operative. Possibly attacked Secretary of State William Seward.



## John H. Surratt, Jr.

**Age:** 21

**Date of Birth:** April 13, 1844

**Place of Birth:** Congress Heights, MD

**Occupation:** Confederate Courier

**Remarks:** Has extensive connections to Confederate agents in Richmond. May use family tavern in Surrattsville, MD, or mother's boarding house on H Street in Washington, D.C., as base. Claims to have been in Elmira, NY, at the time of the assassination.



## Mary Elizabeth Eugenia Jenkins Surratt

**Age:** 41

**Date of Birth:** May 1823

**Place of Birth:** Waterloo, MD

**Occupation:** Owns boarding house at 541 H Street, NW, Leases tavern in Surrattsville, MD

**Remarks:** Known Southern sympathizer. Tavern and boarding house may have been the sites of numerous conspirator meetings. Transported guns and field glasses to tavern early on April 14; these may have been picked up by Booth during his flight.



## David Herold

**Age:** 22

**Date of Birth:** June 16, 1842

**Place of Birth:** Maryland

**Occupation:** Pharmacist's Assistant

**Remarks:** Familiar with Maryland countryside; has access to various chemicals including chloroform. Identified as having been seen with Lewis Powell and John Wilkes Booth on several occasions.



## George Atzerodt

**Age:** 29

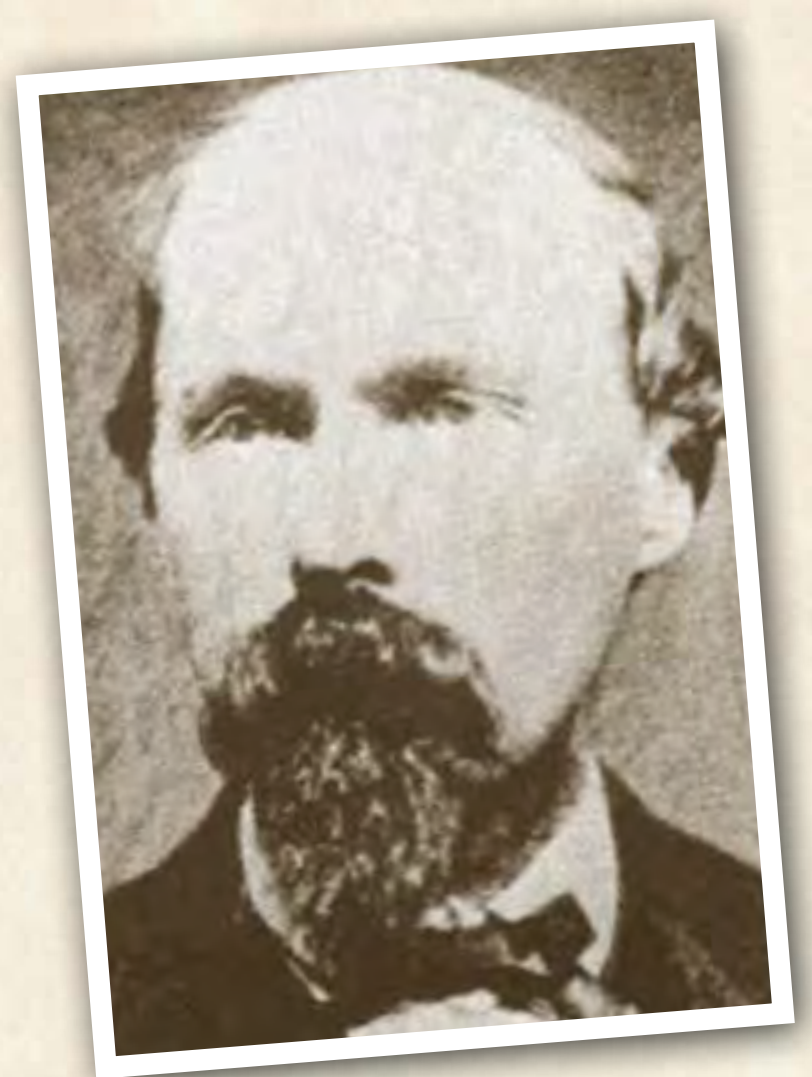
**Alias:** Mr. Azworth, Mr. Atwood

**Date of Birth:** June 12, 1835

**Place of Birth:** Germany

**Occupation:** Carriage Painter,  
Confederate Spy

**Remarks:** Familiar with the intricate network of creeks and inlets along the Potomac River in Virginia. Seen with Booth several times by local stable workers. Was staying in the same hotel as Vice President Johnson.



## Dr. Samuel Mudd

**Age:** 31

**Date of Birth:** December 20, 1833

**Place of Birth:** Charles County, MD

**Occupation:** Medical doctor, Farmer

**Remarks:** Met Booth at least twice before the assassination; may provide haven and medical assistance to Booth during his flight.

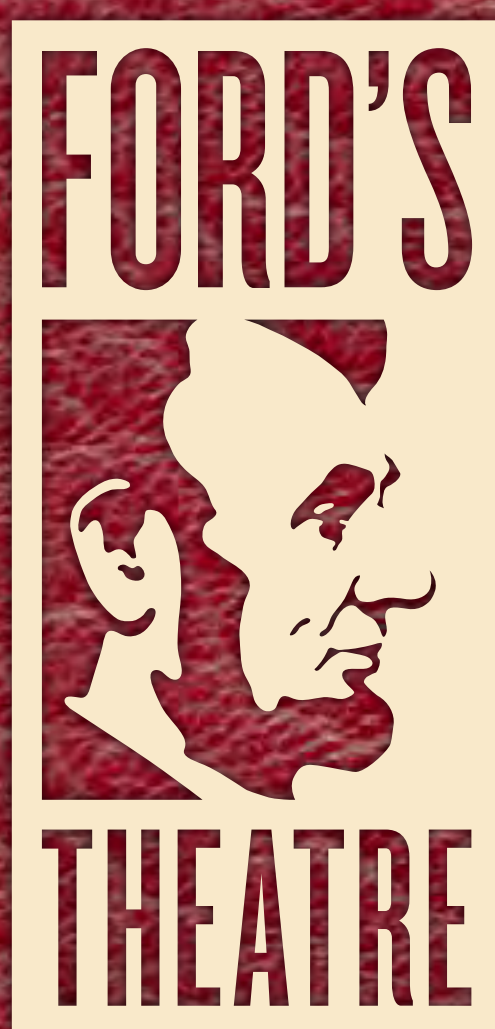


# **INVESTIGATION: DETECTIVE MCDEVITT**

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**Thanks for joining us! We hope you enjoyed the tour. To learn more about Ford's Theatre and the events of April 14, 1865, please visit us on the web at [www.fords.org](http://www.fords.org).**



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