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### Broward County

#### Frank Pinter, ex-deputy and crime fighter, dies

Frank Pinter, 75, a former Broward sheriff's deputy who founded a local anti-crime group, died Saturday morning at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, friends and colleagues said.

The cause was heart failure, said his friend James DePelisi.

Pinter worked for the Broward County Sheriff's office for 17 years. After a failed bid to become Broward sheriff, Pinter went on to found the Broward County Crime Commission in 1976. He served as the commission's chairman, according to the organization's Web site.

"He has been a great pillar in the community," said DePelisi, the crime commission's president.

Broward Sheriff's Office Commander Rick Wierzbicki, also a commission member, agreed: "He was a cop's cop. I don't think he ever retired."