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On 02/25/08, at approximately 11:06 AM, uniform officers responded to a radio call of a "Robbery/Home Invasion" in the 900 block of E. Slocum Street. Officers found a male with his wrist and ankles duct taped and tied with nylon stockings. Officers were advised that two unknown males armed with a handgun and a sword beat and cut the victim and abducted the victim's mother. The detective division received information that the abducted female contacted another female and stated the males wanted more money. The contacted female was instructed to meet the males in the 1400 block of Wadsworth Street. Members of the detective division proceeded to the area and observed a Kia minivan they believed to be the abductors. The occupants of a Kia minivan saw the unmarked police vehicle and immediately fled going west on Cheltenham Avenue. The plainclothes officers pursued the Kia minivan to Cheltenham Avenue and Waverly Road in Cheltenham Township, where the minivan crashed into a fence on the northwest corner. Two offenders exited the vehicle and fled into a grassy open lot with the plainclothes officers in foot pursuit. One of the offenders' reached to his right pocket area and turned to look back at the officers as he was running. One of the officers saw a black handgun in the male's waste/pocket area and discharged his weapon, missing the offender. The offender continued to run and was lost in the area. The second offender was apprehended in a nearby cemetery by an off-duty Philadelphia Police Detective. No weapon was recovered.