On Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at approximately 5:39 PM, two uniformed officers in a marked vehicle responded to a radio assignment of "Person with a gun" at 5600 Whitby Avenue. A description of the individual was broadcast. Upon arrival at the location both officers observed a male who met the description entering the driver's seat of a parked minivan. As the male approached the open driver's door area both officers instructed him to stop. The male instead sat in the driver seat. The male accelerated the vehicle rearward striking officer number one, knocking him to the ground. The officer got back on his feet observed the male driver reach under the driver's seat (through the open drivers side door), and officer number one discharged one round at the male. The male drove from the location, struck a vehicle at 5700 Woodland Avenue, and continued toward Island Avenue and Lindbergh Boulevard where the minivan became disabled. The male exited the minivan, entered an unoccupied vehicle that was nearby with the engine running and the keys in the ignition. He ushered five passengers from the minivan into the stolen vehicle. The male drove the stolen vehicle to a house in New Castle Delaware, and dropped off four of the passengers. The male and a remaining female passenger drove to a second house in New Castle Delaware in the stolen vehicle. New Castle County Police Officers responded to the second location and report to Philadelphia Police that New Castle County Police Officers attempted to arrest the male who was inside the stolen vehicle. A uniformed New Castle County officer discharged his firearm multiple times, striking the male. The male was pronounced deceased at Christiana Hospital.

There were no other injuries as a result of this incident. No firearm was recovered from the male or the vehicles. The female was not charged with any offense.

*** Information posted in the original summary reflects a preliminary understanding of what occurred at the time of the incident. This information is posted shortly after the incident and may be updated as the investigation leads to new information. The DA's Office is provided all the information from the PPD's investigation prior to their charging decision.