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On 5/1/07, at approximately 6:31 P.M., uniformed officers responded to the 600 block of W. Russell Street for a radio assignment of "Children being left unattended." As an officer was speaking with DHS personnel via the telephone, the offender/mother of the three children left unattended, arrived at the residence. The offender, speaking in Spanish, stated, "I'll chop the kids up before I'll let the police take them". Officers then began escorting the children from the residence. One of the children ran back inside and joined the offender on the second floor. One officer ascended the stairs to the second floor and the offender advanced toward the officer with a machete. The offender, ignoring repeated commands by the officer to drop the machete, swung the machete contacting the railing and walls. The officer retreated to the second floor rear room and discharged, striking the offender. The offender was transported to Temple University Hospital. The machete with an eighteen-inch blade was recovered from the scene.