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10/7/08

On 10/7/08, at approximately 2:46 P.M., uniformed officers responded to a Police Radio assignment of a "Person armed with a gun" at 3000 Memphis Street. Upon arrival, the officers observed a red Pontiac mini-van occupied by two males. The van backed up at a high rate of speed and struck the police vehicle at Memphis and Clearfield Streets. The van then fled, traveling east on Clearfield Street and then drove the wrong way, south on Salmon Street, where it struck a tree on the southwest corner of Salmon and Birch Streets. The offender that was operating the vehicle fled on foot, tossing a bag of crack cocaine onto a roof as he ran. This offender was apprehended. The offender who was the passenger in the vehicle, exited the vehicle and began struggling with an officer. He grabbed the officer's gun, breaking the floor plate of the magazine, which caused all seventeen live rounds to spill onto the sidewalk. The officer was able to insert his spare magazine and discharged his weapon, striking the offender. The offender was transported to Temple University Hospital. No weapon was recovered.