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On Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at approximately 5:59 A.M., uniformed officers in a marked police vehicle, responded to a Police Radio assignment of a "Robbery, point of gun," at 60th and Spruce Streets. While surveying the area, the officers observed a male fitting the provided description in the 200 block of S. Edgewood Street. Upon seeing the officers the male fled north on Edgewood Street, toward Walnut Street. One of the officers exited the police vehicle and pursued the male on foot, as the second officer pursued him in the police vehicle. Both officers observed a gun in the male's hand as he fled. The offender fled onto the 100 block of south 61st Street, where he stopped, turned, and pointed his gun toward the corner of 61st and Walnut Streets, appearing to wait for the officer who was pursuing on foot to turn the corner. The officer in the police vehicle drove onto 61st Street and pulled alongside the offender. The officer drew his weapon and ordered the offender to drop the gun. The offender did not comply, at which time the officer discharged his weapon, striking the offender. The offender was then apprehended and transported to Penn-Presbyterian Hospital for treatment.

The offender's gun, a 9MM semi-automatic pistol, loaded with six live rounds, was recovered at the scene.

The complainant who reported the robbery identified the offender in a photo array, as the male that had robbed him at gunpoint.

There were no other injuries as a result of this discharge incident.

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