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On 3/17/09, at approximately 6:20 P.M., an officer observed a Pontiac Trans Am disregard a stop sign at 16th and Wharton Streets. The vehicle was occupied by a male driver and an unidentified female. The driver ignored signals from the officers to stop and the male drove away at a high rate of speed. During the pursuit, officers observed the offender brandish a firearm inside the vehicle. At Wharton and Carlisle Streets, the unidentified female exited the vehicle and has not been located.

The offender continued to the 1200 block of Morris Street, where his vehicle was stopped momentarily due to traffic congestion. Officers exited their patrol vehicle and approached the Trans Am. An officer reached into the vehicle through the partially open passenger side window and the suspect drove onto the north sidewalk in attempt to drive past the stopped traffic, while dragging the officer. The second officer discharged his firearm, missing the offender. The vehicle crashed into a parked unattended vehicle. The offender was arrested without further incident and was admitted to Methodist Hospital for head injuries sustained as result of the vehicle crash.

No weapon was recovered.