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On 1/1/09, at approximately 12:02 A.M., officers on-duty and in uniform, heard numerous gunshots in the area of 3900 Fairmount Avenue. The officers exited their patrol car in the 3900 block of Melon Street and walked through the breezeway that leads to the rear of 3900 Fairmount Avenue. The officers then observed the offender and identified themselves as police officers. The offender fired gunshots in their direction and both officers discharged their firearms missing the offender.

The offender fled into the rear of a residence in the 3900 block of Fairmount Avenue and closed the back door. Both officers pursued the offender and forced open the door. The officers found six males inside the property. One of the males, offender #1, was in possession of a 9MM semi-automatic pistol, which was loaded with five rounds in the magazine. A second offender gave a statement admitting that he had placed a firearm under the mattress in the second floor front bedroom. A search warrant was obtained and an unloaded 9MM semi-automatic pistol was recovered from under the mattress in the second floor front bedroom. The second offender is a convicted felon and he was arrested for VUFA violations. 9MM and .38 caliber fired cartridge casings were recovered from the rear yard. Neither officer could identify the gunman.