## PS#14-16

## 04/26/14

On Saturday, 4/26/14, at approximately 11:47 PM, uniformed officers, in a marked police vehicle, stopped a vehicle for traffic violations at Media and Conestoga Streets. The vehicle was occupied by two males and one female. During the course of the vehicle investigation, the rear passenger provided a false name to the officers. The officers directed the male to exit the vehicle. The offender exited the vehicle and engaged in a struggle with the officers. During the struggle, one of the officers deployed his Electronic Control Weapon (ECW)<sup>1</sup> on the offender, as the other officer struck the offender on the legs with his baton; however, the offender continued to struggle. At one point, the offender attempted to pull one of the officer's firearms from the holster. In response, the second officer drew his weapon and discharged it, striking the offender. The offender then fled on foot and was apprehended in the 5400 block of Sharswood Street.

The offender was transported to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for treatment. Both officers sustained abrasion injuries to their hands and knees. There were no other reported injuries as a result of the firearm discharge.

No weapon was recovered.

It was later determined that the offender was wanted for a probation violation for a prior robbery arrest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Electronic Control Weapon – commonly referred to by the brand name "Taser" – discharges small electrical charges that cause muscle contractions and override voluntary motor responses.