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On Friday, September 16, 2016, at approximately 11:18 P.M., a uniformed sergeant in a marked police vehicle was seated in her parked vehicle in the 5100 block of Sansom Street, when a male approached and without warning, began to discharge a firearm, striking the sergeant, as she remained seated in her vehicle. The offender then began walking east on Sansom Street, stopping at a lounge/bar in the 5100 block of Sansom Street, where he discharged his firearm into the lounge/bar, striking a female employee and a male security guard. The offender continued walking east on Sansom Street to the 4900 block, where he discharged his firearm into an occupied parked vehicle, striking one female and one male occupant.

Responding uniformed officers, in marked police vehicles, along with an officer from the University of Pennsylvania police force, located the offender in an alleyway in the rear of the 4800 blocks of Sansom and Walnut Streets. While in the 4800 block of Sansom Street the offender discharged his firearm, striking the University of Pennsylvania Officer as well as a marked police vehicle. Four Officers (one of whom was the University of Pennsylvania Officer) discharged their firearms, striking the offender. The offender fell to the ground and dropped his firearm. Fire Rescue responded and pronounced the offender deceased.

The offender's firearm, a 9MM, semi-automatic pistol, with an obliterated serial number, loaded with 14 live rounds, was recovered at the scene. There were three empty magazines from the offender's firearm recovered throughout the scene.

The sergeant, the University of Pennsylvania Officer, along with the four civilians who were all struck by gunfire, were transported to Penn-Presbyterian Hospital for treatment.

The female from the parked vehicle was later pronounced deceased at Penn-Presbyterian Hospital.

*** Information posted in the original summary reflects a preliminary understanding of what occurred at the time of the incident. This information is posted shortly after the incident and may be updated as the investigation leads to new information. The DA's Office is provided all the information from the PPD's investigation prior to their charging decision.