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On 2/12/11, at 11:42 AM, uniformed officers responded to a police radio assignment for a fire in the 3300 block of Rand Street. Police Radio updated the assignment, indicating there was a male on location armed with a gun. Officers were met by Fire Department personnel and entered the property, observing the victim lying on the 1st floor at the bottom of the stairs. The officers then observed a male standing at the top of the stairs with a firearm in his right hand. Police instructed the firefighters to leave the residence and ordered the offender to drop the firearm. The offender then raised the firearm and pointed it at the officers. The officers discharged their weapons at the offender striking him multiple times. The officers then retreated out of the house because of the smoke and fire. A barricaded male was then declared. The house continued to burn until it was extinguished by the Fire Department. The victim's body was recovered from the front room on the first floor and the offender's body was recovered from the hallway on the second floor. A silver, .38 caliber revolver loaded with five spent casings and an empty cylinder was recovered near the offender's body. The medical examiner reported that the offender's death was caused by gunshot wounds.