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On 4/28/09, an officer in uniform on a motorcycle, observed a crowd of approximately fifteen males on the southwest corner of Lindley & Warnock Streets. The officer told the males to disperse from the corner and all the males, except for the offender, began to walk away. The officer exited his motorcycle and again told the offender to disperse. As the officer approached, the offender began to talk about "Jihad" and grabbed onto the handle of the officer's holstered firearm. The officer pushed the offender back and the officer drew his weapon and fired, striking the offender. The offender advanced toward the officer again and the officer attempted to fire a second round, but his weapon jammed. As the officer was clearing his pistol, the offender walked south on Warnock Street. The officer notified Police Radio and a responding uniform officer observed the offender south in the 4900 block of Warnock Street, bleeding from his upper body.

The second officer, along with additional officers engaged in a physical struggle with the offender in the 4900 block of N. Warnock Street. During the struggle, the offender grabbed the second officer's holstered weapon and attempted to remove the weapon. The officer began to struggle over the still holstered weapon and the officer yelled that the offender was attempting to take his weapon. A third officer then discharged his firearm and the offender fell to the ground. The offender was pronounced at the scene. The offender's family members indicated that he had been diagnosed schizophrenic several years ago and had recently stopped taking his medication.