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On 3/9/12, at approximately 4:41 PM, plainclothes police officers, operating two unmarked vehicles, were preparing to make a narcotics purchase in the area of 21st and York Streets. Unrelated to the narcotics purchase, the officers observed two males running away from a third male. The third male informed the officers that the two males that fled the area were armed with guns and had robbed him.

The officers exited their vehicles and identified themselves as police officers. The two offenders ran to a 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix parked in the 2300 block of N. 21st Street, occupied by a third male. The two fleeing offenders fired gunshots at the officers and the officers returned fire at the offenders. One of the offenders entered the vehicle and fled the area. One offender was apprehended on 21st Street and transported to Temple Hospital. A .32 caliber weapon, loaded with one live round and one spent round, was recovered near the offender. The Pontiac Grand Prix was located in the 1600 block of Toronto Street. The operator of the Pontiac was apprehended at Episcopal Hospital and transferred to Temple Hospital. The third offender eluded apprehension.