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On 3/22/12, at approximately 12:42 AM, uniformed officers responded to a radio call for a robbery in progress at a convenience store on Harbison Avenue. Upon arriving on location, the officers were flagged down by a complainant, who pointed to a male and stated that he had a gun. The offender was running southbound on Torresdale Avenue. The officers went in pursuit of the offender and observed him turn west onto Bridge Street. The officers pulled their police vehicle alongside the offender as he was running and yelled, "Police, stop, get on the ground." The officers observed the offender pull a black handgun from his waistband, turn and point the weapon in the officers' direction. One of the officers discharged his firearm, striking the offender. Rescue responded and transported the offender to Aria-Torresdale Hospital, where he died at a later time. A photo spread was shown to an employee of the convenience store. The offender was positively identified as the male who attempted to rob the store. One plastic air gun, loaded with fifteen small plastic projectiles, was recovered.