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On 9/5/09, at approximately 9:41 P.M., uniformed bicycle officers observed an unoccupied vehicle with the engine running and no key in the ignition, parked in the 900 block of E. Ontario Street. The officers positioned themselves a short distance from the van. Moments later, a male entered the vehicle in the driver's seat. The officers rode their bicycles towards the vehicle and one of the bike officers stopped his bicycle in front of the offender's vehicle. The offender drove forward and the officer positioned in front of the vehicle dismounted his bicycle. The offender's vehicle contacted the officer's bicycle and the offender drove south in the 3300 block of Rand Street. The same officer discharged his firearm at the operator of the fleeing vehicle. The offender's unoccupied vehicle was located moments later in the 700 block of Westmoreland Street. There was no blood evidence observed inside the vehicle and the offender eluded apprehension. A witness informed officers that the offender ran south on "F" Street and discarded a firearm inside a dumpster in the 3200 block of "F" Street. A 9MM semi-automatic pistol, loaded with eight rounds, was collected from the dumpster.