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On 05/25/08, at approximately 8:34 P.M., an off-duty officer was inside his residence on Lardner Street when he heard a disturbance outside on the highway. The officer observed the offender apparently eating the neighbor's front bushes. The officer exited his residence and called 911. The offender approached the officer with his hands at his waistband. The officer immediately identified himself as a police officer, displayed his badge, and ordered the offender to stay back. The offender continued to advance and the officer drew his weapon and retreated, continuing to give the offender verbal commands. The offender grabbed the officer's neck with one hand and held his (offender's) other hand at the back of his own waistband. The officer, fearing that the offender was reaching for a weapon, discharged his weapon, striking the offender, who fell to the ground. The offender was transported to Albert Einstein Hospital. No weapon was recovered.