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On 1/29/09, at approximately 8:55 P.M., an officer, while in uniform in a marked patrol car, observed a white Pontiac Bonneville, make a wide U-turn in the intersection of 55th & Thompson Streets. The officers stopped the vehicle and a passenger in the rear seat exited the vehicle. The officer stopped the offender and as the officer was about to conduct a safety frisk, the offender ran south on 55th Street.

The officer pursued the offender on foot and observed him running with a black gun in his left hand. The offender ran east on Girard Avenue and turned south on Sickels Street, where he entered the alley next to the 600 block of N. Sickels Street. The officer then observed the offender turn and point the firearm at him. The officer discharged his firearm at the offender, who crouched down behind trash cans and continued to point the weapon at the officer. The officer discharged his firearm again at the offender, striking him. The offender dropped the gun and was taken into custody. A .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, loaded with eight rounds, was recovered. The offender was transported to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.