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On 11/17/08, at approximately 9:00 P.M., an off-duty police officer was at the house of his girlfriend, also a police officer. Their sons informed him that they had just been the victims of a strong-arm robbery at 19th Street and Cheltenham Avenue. Both off-duty officers, along with one of their sons, surveyed the area in their private vehicle and saw the offender with a group of males at 1900 Cheltenham Avenue. The son identified the offender who had robbed him and when the officer identified himself, the males ran. The officer continued to survey the area and encountered the offender in the 1900 block of Renovo Street. The officer again identified himself as a police officer and a verbal argument ensured. The offender drew a handgun from his waistband. The officer discharged his weapon, striking the offender. A crowd began to gather and the officer left the scene with his family members and encountered a Cheltenham police officer at 21stStreet and Cheltenham Avenue. The offender was transported to Albert Einstein Hospital and subsequently pronounced. No weapon was recovered from the scene.