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On 1/27/09, officers were in uniform in a marked patrol car, and observed a blue Ford Taurus, traveling east on Dickinson Street at a high rate of speed. The operator turned onto northbound 26th Street, disregarding the stop sign at 26th & Dickinson Streets. The officers activated their emergency lights and siren to signal the offender to stop. The offender stopped in the 1400 block of S. 26th Street.

The officer exited from the driver's side of the patrol car, at which time the offender reversed his vehicle at an angle and struck the officer, pinning him against the patrol car. Officers yelled for the offender to stop and as he continued to rev the engine, both officers discharged their firearms. The offender shifted the gear selector into drive and began to exit the vehicle as the vehicle moved north on 26th Street.

Another officer responded to the officer's call for assistance via Police Radio. The officer approached the offender and began to struggle with him. The officer had his firearm in his right hand and he was struggling with the offender with his left hand. As the officer continued to struggle with the offender to subdue him, the officer accidentally discharged his firearm, striking the ground. The offender was apprehended at the scene and placed under arrest. An officer received injuries to his hip area and the officer was admitted to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for observation.

No weapon was recovered.