

Memorandum



DATE: March 23, 2012

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Administrative (Police) Reports
I. A. D. Cases to be Presented to the Public Safety Committee on March 26, 2012

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2012-032

Council District:	7	
Involved Officers:	(3)	White Males
	(1)	Asian Male
Suspect:	(2)	Black Males
	(1)	Black Female

On February 2, 2012, at approximately 9:40 p.m., Officers #1 and #2, in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle, were flagged down by a citizen who stated that he had just been robbed at gun point. The citizen further stated that the suspects who robbed him were currently robbing his girlfriend inside a dark colored van. Officers #1 and #2 ran through the alley toward the apartment complex located at 2502 Grand Avenue where they observed the suspect vehicle parked. The suspect was seated in the driver's seat and the female was seated in the front passenger's seat. Both officers approached the vehicle with their weapons drawn. Officer #1 approached the vehicle from the passenger's side and Officer #2 approached the vehicle on the driver's side. The officers could see movement inside the vehicle and as they approached the vehicle, the female opened the passenger door and attempted to exit the vehicle; however, she was unable to do so because she was seat belted in. Officer #1 pulled on the female's arm attempting to assist her in exiting the vehicle. At the same time Officer #1 was assisting the female, Officer #2 was attempting to open the driver's side door and giving loud verbal commands for the suspect to put his hands up where they could be seen. The suspect continued moving furtively inside the vehicle and then reached with his right hand down by the center console and retrieved a handgun. Fearing for his life and that of Officer #1 and the female, Officer #2 fired one round from his duty weapon striking the suspect. Officer #1 heard the gunshot and also, witnessing the furtive gesture of the suspect, believed the suspect was armed. At that time Officer #1 fired one shot from his duty weapon in the direction of the suspect. The suspect then put the vehicle in gear and fled the location. As the officers were pursuing the suspect, they put out a description of the suspect as well as the suspect's vehicle over the radio. During the pursuit of the suspect, Officers #1 and #2 lost sight of the suspect's vehicle. Shortly after fleeing the location, the suspect crashed the suspect's vehicle in a vacant parking lot in the 3000 block of Grand Avenue where he exited the vehicle and hid. The female passenger exited the vehicle and walked across the street and sat on the curb

until officers arrived. Officers that responded to the location located the female and formed a perimeter to look for the suspect.

When Officers #1 and #2 requested cover, Officers #3 and #4 responded to the location and began searching for the suspect. When Officers #3 and #4 turned onto the 2700 block of Medill, they observed an individual matching the description of the suspect broadcasted over the police radio by Officers #1 and #2. As Officers #3 and #4 approached the individual, the individual turned and attempted to walk quickly away. Officers #3 and #4, believing this individual to be the suspect, drew their weapons and began giving verbal commands to the individual to stop and show his hands. The individual ignored the officers' commands and placed his hand deep into his pants pocket. Officers #3 and #4 continued to give the individual verbal commands to show his hands. When the individual refused to comply, Officer #3, fearing for his life, fired one round from his duty weapon striking the individual, who fell to the ground. As Officers #3 and #4 were placing the handcuffs on the individual, the suspect was located inside a vacant apartment at 3000 Grand Avenue and taken into custody.

The suspect sustained a gunshot to the buttocks and the female sustained a wound to her right arm. At this time, it is unknown if the wound sustained by the female was the result of a gunshot or glass fragments. The individual who was shot by Officer #3 sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. All three subjects were transported by Dallas Fire and Rescue to Baylor Medical Center. No officers were injured during this incident.

After being treated and released, the female stated that her boyfriend, who was the citizen who flagged the officers down, picked her up earlier that day in the suspect's vehicle that had been reported stolen out of Grand Prairie, Texas. The female's boyfriend then picked up his friend who is the suspect. The female stated that the suspect became angry and pulled a gun on the boyfriend who he stated owed him money. The boyfriend then exited the vehicle leaving the female in the vehicle with the suspect. The boyfriend, who flagged the officers down, fled the location prior to the suspect being apprehended. The suspect's weapon was located inside the suspect's vehicle.

The suspect has been charged with Unlawful Restraint, Felony 3rd.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2012-043

Council District:	(5)	
Involved Officers:	(2)	White Males
	(1)	Asian Male
Suspect:	(1)	Black Male

On February 13, 2012, at approximately 1:55 p.m., a call came into police dispatcher regarding the Aggravated Robbery of two individuals at 1515 S. Buckner Boulevard. When the complainants, who were robbed, called the police they gave a description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle that was broadcast over the police radio. Southeast

Deployment officers, in plain clothes, observed the suspect's vehicle and alerted uniformed officers of the location. When the patrol officers attempted to perform a felony stop of the vehicle, the suspect initially stopped the vehicle but when the officers exited the police vehicle, the suspect sped off, fleeing the location. At this time, a vehicle pursuit ensued which ended when the suspect exited the vehicle in the 9700 block of Lake June Road and fled on foot through the August Park Apartment complex. As the officers were pursuing the suspect, the suspect slipped and fell in the grass. The suspect then removed his jacket and threw several objects into the bushes before rounding the corner by the laundry room. The suspect slipped and fell a second time at which time the officers observed a handgun fall to the ground. The officers began giving loud verbal commands for the suspect to stay on the ground and show his hands. The suspect sat up facing the officers, picked up the gun and pointed it in the direction of the officers. Fearing for their safety, Officers #1 and #2 fired their duty weapons at the suspect who then jumped up from the ground with the gun in his hand and continued running, rounding the second corner of the laundry room. As the officers rounded the corner, they observed the suspect standing sideways with his arm extended pointing his weapon in their direction as he waited for the officer to round the corner. Fearing for their lives, Officers #1, #2 and #3 fired their duty weapons striking the suspect, who fell to the ground. The .45 caliber weapon that was in the suspect's possession was recovered. Dallas Fire and Rescue transported the suspect to Mesquite Regional Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. No officers were injured.

The lady's purse and the man's wallet that was taken in the Aggravated Robbery was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. Also recovered were several mobile phones that were thrown into the bushes by the suspect when he fled from the officers.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2012-067

Council District: 12
Involved Officer: (1) White Male
Suspect: (1) White Male

On February 24, 2012, Carrollton Police Department received a call to 2501 Land End Drive, Carrollton, Texas. The caller who was the suspect's wife reported that the suspect had left their residence in his vehicle and that he was suicidal, armed with a weapon and had been drinking. Carrollton Police officers were familiar with the suspect because on previous occasions they had arrested the suspect due to mental issues. After receiving the call from the suspect's wife, Carrollton Police Department conducted telephone pings on the suspect's mobile phone in order to locate the suspect. Based on the telephone pings, officers were able to pinpoint the suspect's location to the parking lot of the Valley View Christian Church at 17601 Marsh Lane in Dallas, Texas. When the responding Carrollton officers arrived at the location, they radioed for additional back up elements. While waiting for the additional cover elements, officers at the location heard what they believed to be a gunshot inside the suspect's vehicle. At this time Carrollton officers on the scene requested assistance from the Dallas Police Department. At the request of Carrollton Police Department, Dallas Police patrol officers and the Tactical Unit responded to the

location. When the Tactical Units arrived, they positioned the armored personnel carrier vehicle in a manner to prevent the armed suspect from fleeing in his vehicle into the residential neighborhood adjacent to the church. Dallas police negotiators then attempted to talk the suspect out of the vehicle. There were three Dallas Tactical officers positioned behind the cover of the armored personnel carrier. During the standoff the suspect exited the vehicle brandishing a handgun. At this time, Tactical officers gave the suspect loud verbal commands over the police vehicle's PA system to drop the weapon and raise his hands. The suspect ignored the verbal commands and began approaching the Tactical officers who were concealed behind the armored personnel carrier. The suspect then raised his weapon forcing the Involved Officer, who was in fear of his life, to fire two rounds from his duty weapon at the approaching suspect. Both bullets struck the suspect who was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injured during this incident.

STATUS: Under Investigation

Control #2012-082

Council District: 6
Involved Officers: (3) White Males
Suspect: (2) Hispanic Males

On March 7, 2012, at approximately 9:05 p.m., Suspects #1 and #2 committed an Aggravated Robbery at 2915 Ester Boulevard, Irving, Texas. The suspects robbed an individual taking his vehicle that was equipped with the Lo-Jack system. At approximately 10:41 p.m., the vehicle that had been taken in the aggravated robbery was tracked via the Lo-Jack system in Dallas. Officer #1 observed the vehicle parked in the 3000 block of Lombardy Lane. Officer #1, who was in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle, stopped his vehicle several yards from the suspect's vehicle and put out an assist officer over the police radio. After requesting cover, Officer #1 drew his weapon and exited his vehicle. As Officer #1 was approaching the suspect's vehicle, he was giving loud verbal commands for the suspects to show their hands. At this time Officer #2, who had arrived at the scene, drew his duty weapon, stood near Officer #1 and also began loud verbal commands for the suspects to show their hands and exit the vehicle. Suddenly, Suspect #1 who was the driver of the suspect's vehicle put the vehicle in reverse and accelerated rapidly towards Officers #1 and #2. Officers #1 and #2 attempted to move out of the way but Suspect #1 maneuvered his vehicle in their direction. Fearing for their lives, Officers #1 and #2 fired several rounds from their duty weapons at Suspect #1. Officer #3 arrived at the location as the suspect's vehicle was traveling in reverse toward Officers #1 and #2. Seeing the suspect's vehicle attempting to run over Officers #1 and #2, Officer #3 also fired his duty weapon at Suspect #1, who then crashed the suspect's vehicle into the rear of Officer #1's vehicle. Once the suspect's vehicle came to a stop, Suspects #1 and #2 were taken into custody. Dallas Fire and Rescue transported Suspects #1 and #2 to Parkland Memorial Hospital where Suspect #1 was pronounced deceased. Suspect #2 received a gunshot to the lower back and was listed in stable condition. No officers were injured during this incident.

A pellet gun with a scope was recovered from inside the suspect's vehicle that was taken during the aggravated robbery. Suspect #2 is being charged with Aggravated Robbery by Irving Police Department.

STATUS: Under Investigation

PREVIOUS CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2010-148

Council District:	14	
Involved Officers:	(1)	Hispanic Male
	(2)	White Males
Suspect:	(1)	Hispanic Male

On May 3, 2010, at approximately 7:20 a.m., Officers #1 and #2 were working as Deployment Officers in plain clothes driving a covert vehicle in the Central Patrol Division when information was transmitted over the police radio regarding a robbery at gunpoint in the 5600 block of Lindsley Avenue in which the suspect was driving a black Mercury Cougar. At approximately 7:55 a.m., Officers #1 and #2 observed a vehicle matching the suspect's vehicle and requested assistance from a marked element. Officer #3, in full uniform and driving a marked police vehicle, responded to the request. When Officer #3 arrived at the location, he pulled directly behind the suspect's vehicle that was stopped in the 1300 block of N. Munger. At this point, Officers #1 and #2 pulled their vehicle next to the suspect's vehicle that was stopped in traffic. Officer #2, wearing a black DPD raid jacket, exited the passenger side of the covert vehicle and Officer #3 exited the driver's side door of the marked police vehicle. Both officers approached the suspect's vehicle with their weapons drawn. Officer #2 attempted to open the driver's door of the suspect's vehicle as Officer #3 stood to the right side of Officer #2. While in this position, the suspect turned his vehicle's front wheels in the direction of Officer #2 and accelerated the engine. Simultaneously, the suspect reached to his right and picked up a handgun. As the suspect moved the weapon in the direction of Officers #2 and #3, Officer #3 in fear of his life and the life of Officer #2, fired one round into the suspect's vehicle. The suspect then fled the scene at which time he was observed throwing a handgun out of the passenger side window of the suspect's vehicle in the 500 block of N. Munger. The suspect vehicle eventually came to a stop in the 200 block of Hall Street. After placing the suspect under arrest, it was determined that the suspect had been struck once in the back at which time he was transported to Baylor Medical Center by Dallas Fire Rescue. No injuries were sustained by the officers.

A .380 semi-automatic handgun was recovered in the 500 block of N. Munger. The purse that was taken during the robbery was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. It was also discovered that the suspect had used the stolen credit cards that were taken during the robbery approximately 30 minutes prior to his arrest.

The suspect has been charged with Aggravated Robbery Felony 1, Credit Card Abuse, State Jail Felony, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felony 3.

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UPDATE: The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officer was justified in his use of deadly force.

STATUS: Complete

Case #CN2010-148 was presented at the June 7, 2010, Public Safety Committee Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.C. Gonzalez', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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