

Memorandum



DATE: May 16, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: I. A. D. Cases to be Presented to the Public Safety Committee on May 19, 2008

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #08-103

Council District: 8

Involved Officers: (2) Hispanic Males

Suspect: (1) Black Male

On April 18, 2008, at approximately 12:20 a.m., officers working Element E755 in full uniform observed a vehicle driving in the 6000 block of Bonnieview Road with no front license plate. When officers attempted to perform a traffic stop, the vehicle exited off of Bonnieview Road and turned into the Coston Arms apartment parking lot at 6271 Highland Hills Drive. As the vehicle came to a stop, the suspect who was in the front passenger seat of the vehicle opened the door and fled on foot towards the apartment building. Officer #1 approached the driver of the vehicle, while Officer #2 pursued the suspect on foot. The suspect ran approximately 60 feet before reaching a fence. As the suspect attempted to scale the iron fence, Officer #2 gave the suspect verbal commands to stop and to show him his hands. When the suspect's body was partially over the fence, the suspect turned and looked back in the direction of Officer #2. Officer #2 observed a handgun in the suspect's left hand. The suspect then pointed the weapon in the direction of Officer #2. Fearing for his life, Officer #2 fired multiple rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect. While firing his weapon, Officer #2 was backing up in an attempt to find concealment. The suspect, who sustained multiple gunshot wounds, fell to the ground on the other side of the fence. The 9mm Smith and Wesson used by the suspect was lying on the ground beside the suspect's left hand. Officer #2 reached through the fence, secured the suspect's weapon and requested medical assistance for the suspect. The suspect was transported to Baylor Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. No officers were injured.

STATUS: Under Investigation

PREVIOUS CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #07-098

Council District: 2
Involved Officer: (1) Hispanic Male
(2) White Males
(1) Black Male
(1) Mesquite Officer
Suspect: (1) White Male

On May 16, 2007, at approximately 10:15 a.m., the Dallas Police Department's Communication Division was notified by the Mesquite Police Department that they were in chase with a suspect, who had been involved in a shooting/robbery in their City, and that the chase was westbound I-30 entering the city limits of Dallas. The suspect's vehicle continued westbound on I-30 and exited the freeway onto Winslow Avenue. As the vehicle exited the freeway, it jumped the curb and came to a stop in the intersection. After the vehicle came to a stop, the suspect exited the vehicle and fired shots at the Mesquite officer before fleeing the location on foot. The suspect ran into the Finance Tower Company located at 5430 East Grand Avenue at which time he robbed the business and took a female employee hostage. The suspect then exited the business and forced the female hostage, at gunpoint, to her personal vehicle which was on the parking lot. During this time Dallas and Mesquite Officers were in the area searching for the suspect. Dallas Officer #1, who was armed with an AR-15 rifle, observed the suspect driving around in a fenced parking lot attempting to find an exit point. The suspect was pointing a handgun at the head of the female hostage. The responding officers then setup a perimeter around the location and monitored the suspect's actions. While attempting to flee the location, the suspect drove directly toward the officers, who were positioned on the parking lot. Dallas Officer #1 fired two rounds at the suspect from his AR-15 rifle. The suspect then slowed the vehicle and immediately jumped out of the vehicle that was still running. As the suspect was exiting the vehicle, he was yelling and then pointed his handgun directly at Dallas Officer #2. Dallas Officer #2 and other officers at the scene immediately fired at the suspect, striking the suspect multiple times. During the exchange of gunfire, Dallas Officer #1 was struck in the right wrist.

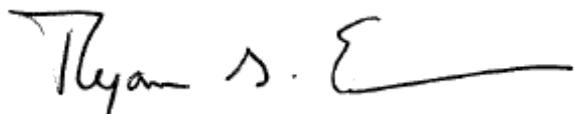
Dallas Officer #1 was transported to Baylor Medical Center where he was treated and later released. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. The female hostage and other officers were not injured.

UPDATE: The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officers were justified in their use of deadly force.

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STATUS: Complete

Case #CN07-098 was presented at the June 4, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan S. Evans". The "R" and "E" are particularly large and stylized.

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager