

Memorandum



DATE: June 13, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: I. A. D. Cases to be Presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 16, 2008

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #08-129

Council District: 6
Involved Officers: (3) White Males
Suspect: (1) White Male

On May 11, 2008, at approximately 6:49 a.m., Officers #1 and #2 were dispatched to Florence and Henderson Street on a Signal 47 (Mentally Ill Person.) The comments on the Call Sheet stated, "Individual who is bi-polar, off his medication, having suicidal thoughts and a gun in his lap." When Officers #1 and #2 arrived at the location, they observed Officer #3 talking to the suspect. Officer #3 asked the suspect if he needed assistance. Shortly after Officers #1 and #2 arrived, they observed the suspect drive off traveling westbound on Woodall Rogers Freeway at a slow rate of speed. The suspect stopped this vehicle in the 800 block of Stemmons Freeway blocking the two entrance lanes onto Stemmons Freeway from the Woodall Rogers ramp. At this time Officers #1, #2 and #3 stopped approximately 234 feet from the suspect's vehicle. The suspect then exited the suspect's vehicle, got down on his knees and with his hand behind his back, raised up and proceeded to walk in the direction of the officers. As the suspect walked toward the officer, he was instructed to show his hands. As the suspect walked in the direction of the officers, he raised his right arm as if he was pulling something from the small of his back. Being in fear of their lives, Officers #1 and #3 fired several rounds from their duty weapon. The suspect stumbled back to his vehicle, got in and drove off at a high rate of speed. Officers #1, #2, and #3 pursued the suspect until he pulled into a drive at 4410 Hyer Street in University Park. The suspect then exited his vehicle and fled on foot. Officers #1, #2, and #3 chased the suspect who was captured as he attempted to hide behind a house approximately one block away. Officers later learned that at 2:30 a.m. the suspect had called his mother and stated, "Watch the news as he was going to get in a chase with the police and they would have to kill him."

The suspect was struck once in the buttock and was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released. No injuries were sustained by the officers. The suspect has been charged with Felony Evading Arrest.

STATUS: Under Investigation

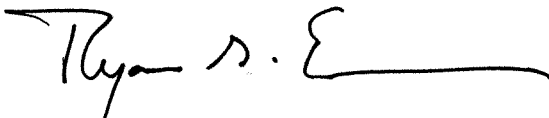
Control #07-098

Council District: 5
Involved Officer: (3) White Males
Suspect: (1) Black Male

On May 30, 2008, at approximately 6:00 p.m., officers assigned to the Special Operations/Homeland Security Division responded to a barricaded person call at 4526 Humphrey Avenue. Prior to Tactical officers' arrival, officers assigned to the South Central Deployment Unit had located a suspect at the location wanted for a bank robbery out of Amarillo, Texas. When the Deployment officers attempted to enter the residence, the suspect stated that he had a gun and that he was going to shoot the officers if they did not leave his residence. At this time the Deployment officers backed off and called for the assistance of the Tactical Unit. After setting up at the location, the Tactical negotiators spoke with the suspect by telephone. The suspect, who appeared to be upset, ultimately hung up on the negotiator. Tactical officers then broadcasted over the loud speaker for approximately five minutes instructing the suspect to come out and surrender. As this was taking place, the Tactical Armed Personnel Carrier (APC) pulled onto the front yard approximately 40 feet from the front door. Because the suspect refused to comply with the verbal instruction, two distractionary soft rounds were fired through the front window into the house. After the second round was fired, the suspect jumped through the front storm glass door and ran in the direction of the APC vehicle. The suspect, carrying a small rifle with a scope, pointed the weapon in the direction of the officers in the APC vehicle. Fearing for their personal safety as well as the safety of the other officers on the scene, the three Tactical officers in the APC fired multiple times with their automatic rifles striking the suspect several times.

While the suspect was barricaded inside the residence, he spoke by telephone with his mother concerning the incident. During the conversation, the suspect stated that he was not coming out of the house and that the officers would have to shoot and kill him because he was not going back to jail. The suspect died as a result of his injuries. No injuries were sustained by the officers.

STATUS: Under Investigation



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