

Memorandum



DATE: June 3, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: I. A. D. Cases to be Presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 6, 2011

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2011-156

Council District: 13
Involved Officers: (2) White Males
Suspect: (1) Black Male

On May 8, 2011, at approximately 12:30 p.m., officers, in full police uniforms and driving a marked police vehicle, responded to a disturbance call at 6417 Ridgecrest Road. The comment on the Callsheet stated the suspect was threatening to shoot a resident at the location. The officers were already familiar with the location, as they had responded to previous calls there where the suspect and several residents have had an ongoing feud. The officers were also aware that the suspect was potentially dangerous and that he currently had an active Criminal Trespassing Warning for the property. When the officers arrived at the location, they observed several people on a third floor balcony and the suspect standing in the courtyard. The officers approached the suspect and conducted a pat down search for their safety. As officers were conducting the search of the suspect, bystanders were yelling so the officers made the decision to walk the suspect to their vehicle until they could determine what was going on. As they escorted the suspect through the breezeway, Officer #1 was walking behind the suspect and Officer #2 was walking beside the suspect. Both officers observed the suspect pull a baggie of what appeared to be crack cocaine from his pocket and toss it into the bushes. Officer #1 then told Officer #2 to take control of the suspect. Officer #2 grabbed the suspect by the arm at which time the suspect began to fight the officer. The suspect struck Officer #2's arm several times. The struggle continued through the breezeway onto the parking lot. During the struggle, Officer #2 reached across his body to grab the taser. At this point, Officer # 2 felt the suspect pulling on his weapon that was in its holster. Officer #1 observed the suspect pulling on the Officer #2's weapon. Officer #1 approached the suspect, pushed him away and gave loud verbal commands for the suspect to get on the ground. The suspect refused to comply and lunged at Officer #1. Officer #1 fearing for his life fired two rounds from his duty weapon. Officer #1 was not aware if any of the rounds he fired struck the suspect. The suspect ran approximately fifteen yard turned and lunged at Officer #1 a second time. Officer #1 again fearing for his life fired one additional round striking the suspect.

The suspect was transported to Baylor Hospital where he was listed in serious condition. Officer #2 sustained a bruise to his right arm. Officer #1 was not injured. The suspect has been charged with Attempt to Take a Peace Officer's Weapon

STATUS: Under Investigation

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