

Memorandum



DATE: September 25, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson,
Philip T. Kingston, Tiffinni A. Young

SUBJECT: **Administrative (Police) Reports - Internal Affairs Division Cases**

NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

Control #2015-248

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

On Thursday, August 27, 2015, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Witness #1 drove the suspect to a location in the 1600 block of Fitzhugh Avenue to purchase drugs. While at the location, the suspect became involved in a disturbance at which time the suspect produced a handgun and threatened the individuals. At some point during the disturbance, the suspect received a cut to his hand. Witness #1 then drove the suspect to a residence located at 3610 Penelope Street. The suspect entered the residence and encountered Witness #2. After engaging in a confrontation with the suspect, Witness #2 exited the residence and called for police assistance. When Witness #2 reported the confrontation, he also informed the 9-1-1 call taker the suspect was setting the residence on fire. A Robbery in Progress call sheet was generated and officers, along with Dallas Fire-Rescue, were dispatched to the location.

When Officers #1 and #2, in full police uniforms and driving a marked police vehicle, arrived at the location, the suspect walked from behind the residence which was on fire. The suspect, who was verbally non-compliant, reached into his pockets and tossed some items to the ground. Officers #1 and #2 followed the suspect and Witness #1 as they walked to their vehicle that was parked on the street. At this point, other officers and Dallas Fire-Rescue were arriving.

When the additional cover officers arrived, an attempt was made to place the suspect in handcuffs. The suspect became violent and resisted the officers attempt to handcuff him. Officers #3, #4 and #5, who were also in full police uniforms, deployed their TASERS which were ineffective. The suspect remained combative and entered the vehicle from the driver's side and climbed into the front passenger seat.

After Officers #3 and #4 observed the suspect holding a handgun, Officer #4 yelled, "Gun." Officer #3 discharged his duty weapon, striking the suspect. Dallas Fire-Rescue paramedics began treating the suspect and found a box cutter in the suspect's waistband. The suspect was pronounced deceased a short time later at Baylor Medical Center. No officers were injured.

A black gun was found in a sliding compartment under the front passenger seat of Witness #1's vehicle. The gun resembled a semi-automatic pistol, but it was a pellet gun.

STATUS: Under Investigation



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cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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