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**PHILADELPHIA POLICE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING**

*Jasper Street and Hart Lane*

**PHILADELPHIA:** On 11-12-20, at approximately 1:27PM, two 24th District Police Officers, in full uniform and operating an unmarked police vehicle, were on routine patrol when they came upon an occupied red Ford Mustang stopped in the roadway on the 3100 block of "B" Street. After a short period of time, the driver of the police vehicle, officer #1, exited the vehicle and approached the driver to ascertain why the operator of the Mustang was not moving the vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle, officer #1 could see that the driver was holding a handgun in his hand.

Almost immediately, the operator fled in his vehicle, at which point officer #1 ran back to his vehicle, gave flash information over police radio, and gave pursuit.

A short time later, the same officers observed the suspect crash his vehicle in the area of "D" Street and Kensington Ave, and then briefly lost sight of both the suspect and the vehicle. Not long after the crash, the officers observed the suspect's vehicle again in the area of Ruth and Somerset Streets, at which point the passenger in the police vehicle, Officer #2, exited the vehicle in order to ascertain whether the suspect was still in the Mustang. Officer #2 remained with the vehicle and Officer #1 continued to search for the suspect.

Officer #1, now operating the police vehicle solo, came upon the suspect who was on foot in the area of Jasper Street and Hart Lane. Officer #1 then pulled within a close distance of the male, placed his vehicle in park, and exited the police vehicle – while ordering the male to stop and show his hands.

The suspect, who was walking East on Jasper Street with Officer #1 following him, produced a handgun and fired towards Officer #1. Officer #1 returned fire, striking the suspect at least one time. The suspect fell to the ground, at which point Officer #1 approached the suspect and moved the suspect's gun away.

Soon thereafter, responding 24th District officers placed the suspect in the back of a marked patrol car and rushed him to Temple University Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 1:44PM.

There were no additional injuries to civilians or police.



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*“The decision to utilize deadly force is one of the most difficult decisions that a police officer can make” said Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw. “These decisions, often made in a split second of time, lead to life changing consequences for those involved. The public has my assurance that the Officer Involved Shootings Investigations Unit will conduct a fair and thorough investigation into this fatal officer discharge. At the completion of their investigation, the Officer Involved Shootings Investigations Unit will present their findings to the District Attorney’s Office.”*

**\*\*\*\* Please note that the above information is preliminary, as the investigation is still in its early stages. \*\*\*\***

