

## **Officer Involved Shooting Incident Summary**

### **April 29, 2023: 400 block of W. Bringham Street (OISI: 23-13)**

On April 29, 2023, at about 4:09 p.m., PPD officers responded to a call for a "Person with a Gun." The sergeant on scene received information over the radio that the man maybe armed and suicidal. A woman unlocked the front door so the officers could check on a man inside. The officers entered the house, with body worn cameras activated, announced themselves as police and called out to the 65-year-old Black man. The officers heard one shot from what they believed was a shotgun. The officers exited the house, set up a perimeter and declared a barricade situation.

A hostage negotiator arrived and joined the sergeant on scene, who was communicating with the man in the house, by phone. The hostage negotiator talked with the man, by phone and the PA system of the SWAT vehicle, over the course of the next 9 hours. The man said that if police came into the house, he would make the police shoot him.

Chemical irritants were also used in an effort to get the man out of the house.

At about 3:00 a.m., the man said that he wanted to be left alone and to fall asleep and then stopped communicating. About 3 hours later, SWAT officers entered the property and secured the lower floors, including using a recon scout (robot) to secure the second floor.

PPD SWAT officers entered the third floor just outside the bedroom where the man was located. The man fired a shotgun once through the bedroom door, striking a SWAT officer and the ballistic shield they were holding with a buckshot round. Two other SWAT officers were also struck in their ballistic vests. One SWAT officer deployed a flash-bang and entered the bedroom. Officers observed the man pointing the shotgun and they discharged their weapons in response.

The man was shot in the right shoulder and transported to the hospital. The man's 12 gauge shotgun was recovered at the scene. The man was arrested and charged.

The SWAT officers struck by gunfire were taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure, and later released without injury.