

Officer Involved Shooting Incident Summary

August 14, 2023: 100 block of E. Willard Street (OISI: 23-21)

On August 14, at approximately 12:28 p.m., 24th District Officer Mark Dial and his partner, Officer Michael Morris, were in full uniform and operating a marked police car in the area of B Street near Westmoreland when they observed a Toyota Corolla with a PA tag driving erratically. Officer 2 went over police radio and asked if there were any priority assignments involving a Toyota sedan. The officers followed the vehicle as it turned on Westmoreland, then left onto Lee Street, and finally left onto Willard Street. At that point, the vehicle continued along 100 E. Willard Street, a single-lane, one-way street, westbound – the wrong way. The vehicle pulled into a parking spot mid-block, at which point both officers got out of their marked radio patrol car.

Officer Morris, who was the driver of the police vehicle, approached the passenger side of the Toyota Corolla. Officer Dial, the passenger of the police car, approached the driver's side door. Officer Morris attempted to open the passenger side door and as he did so, Officer Dial approached the driver's side door.

Officer Morris alerted Officer Dial that the driver, later identified as Eddie Irizarry, had a weapon. As Mr. Irizarry turned towards Officer Dial, Officer Dial discharged his firearm multiple times into the vehicle, fatally wounding the driver/sole occupant of the vehicle. Mr. Irizarry was transported to the Temple Hospital by police where he was pronounced dead at 12:48 p.m.

Two knives were observed inside the vehicle. The vehicle was towed to a police garage, pending a search warrant.

Both officers' Body Worn Cameras (BWC) were activated and captured the incident.

Officer Dial, who was later dismissed from the Philadelphia Police Department is a five year veteran of the Department and is assigned to the 24th District.