

January 17, 2024: 2300 block of Borbeck Avenue (OISI: 24-02)

On January 17, 2024, at about 4:56 a.m., a PPD officer observed a truck parked on Borbeck Avenue with its horn steadily sounding. The officer approached and spoke with the driver, later identified as Lawrence Packard. The officer determined no assistance was needed and he was leaving when he heard two gunshots coming from the direction of the truck.

Approaching the truck again, the officer observed a firearm in Lawrence Packard's hand and retreated while calling for additional officers. Officers declared a barricade, established a perimeter, and called for SWAT assistance. During the barricade, Lawrence Packard fired in the direction of officers while still sitting in the truck.

Lawrence Packard shot at SWAT Lieutenant William Schmid and SWAT Officer Patrick Saba. Lt. Schmid and Officer Saba returned fire, fatally wounding Lawrence Packard.

No officers were injured.

Lawrence Packard was a 73-year-old White man.

Lieutenant William Schmid is a 42 year-old White man assigned to SWAT, who has worked for PPD for 21 years.

Officer Patrick Saba is a 38 year-old White man assigned to SWAT, who has worked for PPD for 17 years.

The initial responding officer's body-worn camera was activated during the incident but did not capture the shooting itself.