

February 15, 2024: 300 block of Adams Ave. (OISI: 24-04)

On February 15, 2024, at 7:02 PM, Officer Marckenson Smith observed a white Lincoln Town Car occupied by two men which was driving erratically.

Officer Smith activated his lights and siren in an attempt to pull over the car. However, the driver, later identified as Curtis Wallace, did not stop and fled. Officer Smith pursued the car until it reached the 300 block of Adams Avenue, where civilian vehicles were blocking the road on the bridge over Tacony Creek. Despite this obstruction, Curtis Wallace continued to maneuver his car erratically.

Officer Smith exited his vehicle, approached the driver's side of the car, and tried to open the driver's side door. The door was locked and the window was partially down. Curtis Wallace did not comply with Officer Smith's commands to open the door and he rolled the window up. The car continued to move back-and-forth, but was unable to get around the other civilian vehicles. Officer Smith struck the driver's window with his ASP, breaking the window. Officer Smith was able to open the driver's door. At the same time, Curtis Wallace moved his car forward, striking Officer Smith and pinning him between the driver's side of Curtis Wallace's car and a stone wall on the bridge. Curtis Wallace drove forward and Officer Smith fell on the ground in front of the car. Then, Officer Smith discharged his firearm, striking the vehicle.

The passenger of the Lincoln, a 27-year-old Black man, got out of the car and backed away from the vehicle, leaving the front passenger door open. As Officer Smith approached the passenger front door, Curtis Wallace accelerated forward, hitting Officer Smith again and causing the passenger door to close and hit Officer Smith's patrol vehicle. Officer Smith opened the Lincoln's passenger door. Curtis Wallace reversed, striking P/O Smith again, this time with the open passenger front door. Officer Smith discharged his firearm into the vehicle from the open passenger door. The door closed again and P/O Smith, again, opened the passenger front door and discharged again into the vehicle. The Lincoln hit Officer Smith's patrol vehicle again. Officer Smith rounded the rear of the Lincoln from the passenger side to the driver side and Curtis Wallace again reversed, striking Officer Smith a final time with the bent driver's door. Curtis Wallace continued to reverse and fled the scene in the vehicle. Officer Smith took the passenger into custody, with the help of a civilian.

The Lincoln was later found on the 6000 block of Hasbrook Avenue, with Curtis Wallace was discovered outside the car with multiple gunshot wounds to his legs and was pronounced deceased upon arrival at the hospital. Officer Smith was transported to the hospital with injuries to his lower extremities. Officer Smith's body-worn camera was activated during part of the incident.

Curtis Wallace was a 36-year-old Black man.

Officer Marckenson Smith is a 38-year-old Black man, who is assigned to the 24th Police District, who has worked for PPD for 8 years.