

June 15, 2024: 2700 block of N. 6th St. (OISI: 24-20)

On June 15, 2024, at approximately 3:20 PM, a PPD patrol officer working full uniform and in a fully marked patrol car arrived at a business located on the 2700 block of N. 6th Street. The uniformed officer pulled into the business to confiscate a dirt bike that had purportedly been operating illegally in Philadelphia and tracked to the business. The uniformed officer began speaking with Luis Rivera-Ortiz, who stated that the bike belonged to a friend. While this conversation was occurring, Officer Paul Moore and another officer arrived as backup. Both Officer Moore and the third officer were in plain clothes, and were assigned to the ATV/dirt bike detail unit.

As the uniformed officer explained that she would be confiscating the dirt bike, Rivera-Ortiz grew increasingly agitated and began leaning against the dirt bike, placing the dirt bike between himself and the uniformed officer. Rivera-Ortiz's right side of his body was bladed away from the uniformed officer, and Rivera-Ortiz began touching his right pant leg with his right hand.

While the uniformed officer and Rivera-Ortiz spoke, Officer Moore and the other plainclothes officer stood behind Rivera-Ortiz, watching the interaction. Officer Moore watched Rivera-Ortiz draw a revolver with his right hand. Officer Moore drew his sidearm and approached Rivera-Ortiz's rear while pointing his firearm at Rivera-Ortiz. Officer Moore used his left hand to attempt to grab the revolver in Rivera-Ortiz's right hand; however, Officer Moore was unable to control it. Rivera-Ortiz rotated away from Officer Moore, resulting in the revolver being pointed at the uniformed officer. Officer Moore shot Rivera-Ortiz twice. One shot entered Rivera-Ortiz's back; the other shot struck Rivera-Ortiz's arm.

The uniformed officer drove Rivera-Ortiz to Temple University Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition.

Officer Moore is a 32-year-old White male. He was assigned to the ATV detail.