



Citizens Police Oversight Commission

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May 21, 2025: 100 block of Somerset Street (OISI: 25-13)

Following a police shooting, CPOC investigators respond to the scene of the shooting, receive a walk-through of the incident, and review available evidence, such as body-worn camera footage, surveillance video, photographs, etc. CPOC compares this evidence against the public statements issued by PPD. Based on this review, CPOC has drafted the following summary of a police shooting that occurred on May 21, 2025, in the 25th District.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, PPD Officer Edward Lane and PPD Officer Matthew Galdo were on uniformed patrol in the 25th District. The officers saw Bruce Garcia on foot in the area of Front Street and Somerset Street. The officers attempted to stop Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Garcia fled. The officers caught Mr. Garcia at the intersection of Mutter and Somerset Streets. Mr. Garcia had a black handbag with him. One officer tackled Mr. Garcia and began struggling with him. PPD alleges that, Mr. Garcia's handgun discharged during the struggle. Both officers fired at Mr. Garcia, striking him multiple times. Officers' body-worn cameras depict the incident.

Mr. Garcia was transported to Temple Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Mr. Garcia was a 25-year-old Latino man.

Officer Edward Lane is a 32-year-old White man with 11 years of experience. He is assigned to the 25th District.

Officer Matthew Galdo is a 29-year-old White man with 5 years of experience. He is assigned to the 25th District.

This summary contains facts that PPD has made public and that are consistent with CPOC's initial analysis. CPOC does not have the authority to publicly release additional information regarding the shooting due to the ongoing criminal and administrative investigations being conducted by PPD. That authority lies with PPD and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. CPOC believes the following categories of facts and circumstances are relevant to ongoing investigations and important for the public to know:

- The reason the officers attempted to stop Mr. Garcia.
- The location of Mr. Garcia's handgun during the physical altercation with officers.
- The location of Mr. Garcia's handgun when it discharged.