



Citizens Police Oversight Commission

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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 July 4, 2025 in the 25th District.

On July 4, 2025, at approximately 6:00 PM, Officers Maria Mairone, Scottie Martinez, Ryan Perez, and Carl Szylejko responded to a call reporting a man with a gun on the 2900 block of N. Lawrence Street. According to PPD, upon their arrival, Ricardo Sosa began firing a gun at them. The officers exchanged gunfire with Mr. Sosa, who was inside a residence on the block. After the exchange, Mr. Sosa exited the residence and continued to fire a handgun. Mr. Sosa entered a marked police car that was parked on the street. Officers fired into the car with Mr. Sosa inside. Mr. Sosa stepped out of the police car and was incapacitated by a gunshot. Ms. Sosa's handgun was recovered from inside the police car. The gun was loaded with ammunition, and a spent casing was also recovered from inside the car.

Mr. Sosa was transported to Temple Hospital and pronounced deceased.

Officers' body-worn cameras were activated during their firearm discharges. Nearby surveillance footage also depicts the incident.

Officer Maria Mairone is a 28-year old White woman. She has three years of service and is assigned to the 25th District.

Officer Scottie Martinez is a 29-year-old Latino man. He has two years of service and is assigned to the 25th District.

Officer Ryan Perez is a 34-year-old Latino man. He has nine years of service and is assigned to the 25th District.

Officer Carl Szylejko is a 32-year-old White man. He has seven years of service and 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:

- *Whether the officers' body-worn cameras were activated according to PPD's Departmental policy.*
- *The number of shots fired at Mr. Sosa when he was in the police car, and whether any of those shots struck Mr. Sosa.*
- *A detailed description of Mr. Sosa's actions when, and after, he exited the police car.*
- *A description of where Mr. Sosa was struck on his body by gunfire, and when.*