

# Memorandum



DATE: August 22, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine R. Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: Administrative (Police) Reports - Internal Affairs Division Cases

I. A. D. Cases to be presented to the Public Safety Committee on August 25, 2014.

## NEW CASE PRESENTATION:

**Control #2014-208**                      **Council District: 8**  
**Involved Officers: (2) White Males**  
**Suspect: (1) Black Male**

On June 14, 2014, at approximately 11:25 a.m., Officers #1 and #2, in full police uniforms and driving a marked police vehicle, responded to a Signal 46 (Major Disturbance CIT Mental Illness) call at 208 Glencarin Drive. The witness, who is the suspect's mother, called 9-1-1 and stated her son was bipolar and schizophrenic and he was possibly off his medication. The witness also stated the suspect was arguing and needed to go to Parkland Hospital. When the officers arrived at the location, there were three vehicles parked in the driveway of the residence and the front door opened facing the driveway. Officers #1 and #2 approached and knocked on the front door at which time the witness opened the door and stepped out onto the small raised porch area. The witness informed the officers that the suspect was making disturbing remarks. The suspect who had followed the witness onto the porch had a screwdriver in his right hand. Both officers gave the suspect loud verbal commands to drop the screwdriver. The suspect did not comply with the officers' commands and made an aggressive act towards Officer #1 with the screwdriver. Officers #1 and #2, in fear of their lives, drew their weapons and fired at the suspect striking him multiple times. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene by Dallas Fire and Rescue #40. No officers were injured during this incident.

**STATUS:** Under Investigation

**Control #2014-209**                      **Council District: 8**  
**Involved Officers: (1) White Male**  
**(1) Hispanic Male**  
**(1) Black Male**  
**Suspect: (1) Black Male**

On June 26, 2014, at approximately 10:09 p.m., Officers #1, #2 and #3, in full police uniforms and driving marked police vehicles, responded to a call in the area of Great Trinity Forest and 4950 Wadsworth regarding a man walking down the street shooting a gun. When officers arrived at the location, they encountered the suspect who was armed with a handgun, exhibiting unstable

behaviors. The suspect was also refusing to follow the officers' instructions. The officer followed the suspect as he walked from 4950 Wadsworth to Great Trinity Forest, to Greencrest until he reached the 3000 block of Lantana. The suspect was exhibiting the handgun the entire time he was being followed by the officers and ignoring all of the officers' commands. The suspect was reported to have pointed the handgun he was carrying at citizens on their front porch as he walked down Greencrest. As Officers #1, #2, and #3, along with other officers followed the suspect, they formed a "Tactical Stack" employing a shield as they followed the suspect. When the officers reached the 3000 block of Lantana, they realized it dead-ended into a cul-de-sac. At this point, the officers positioned themselves by a police vehicle for cover. When the suspect reached the end of the street, he turned around and began walking back in the direction of the officers. The officers gave the suspect loud verbal commands to stop and put the weapon down. The suspect refused to comply and continued walking in the direction of the officers. As the suspect walked adjacent to a parked vehicle which contained citizens seeking shelter, Officer #1, #2, and #3 fired their weapons striking the suspect multiple times. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene by Dallas Fire and Rescue. No officers or citizens were injured during this incident.

Civilian witness confirmed that the suspect was armed and that he refused to stop and drop the weapon when instructed by officers.

**STATUS:** Under Investigation

**Control #2014-229**

**Council District:** 1  
**Involved Officers:** (1) Hispanic Male  
**Suspect:** (1) Black Male

On August 10, 2014, at approximately 6:03 p.m., the Involved Officer was working an off-duty on the Expanded Neighborhood Patrol in full police uniform and driving a marked police vehicle when a call came out over the police radio regarding a white male wearing a green shirt and khaki pants and a red backpack walking up and down the street in the 100 block of North Windomere making lewd comments to females. The Involved Officer who was in the area responded to the location where he observed an individual matching the suspect's description. The officer followed the suspect who was walking westbound on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and then northbound on South Rosemont Avenue, while waiting for cover elements to arrive. Before cover arrived, the Involved Officer observed the suspect stop a vehicle carrying a family and attempt to enter the vehicle. The Involved Officer drove past the vehicle, stopped, exited his vehicle and began giving loud verbal commands to the suspect, but the suspect refused to comply. The suspect then walked toward the officer, charging in a manner that the officer perceived to be dangerous. At that point, the Involved Officer fired at the suspect striking him multiple times. When cover officers arrived, they used a medical kit to render first aid to the suspect until Dallas Fire and Rescue arrived on the scene. The suspect was transported to Methodist Central Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. No officers or citizens were injured during this incident.

Video taken at the location corroborates statements given by witnesses. A robbery offense was made listing the deceased as the suspect.

**STATUS:** Under Investigation

**Control #2014-230**

**Council District:** 5  
**Involved Officers:** (1) White Male  
(1) Hispanic Male  
**Suspects:** (1) Hispanic Male

On August 11, 2014, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Involved Officer in full police uniform and driving a marked police vehicle responded to a stabbing call from police dispatcher at 3647 Espanola Drive. The call involved a suspect who had physically assaulted members of his family. When the Involved Officer arrived at the location, the family members had already escaped the residence. As the Involved Officer made contact with the suspect's father, he redirected his attention to the suspect as he exited the home. The suspect approached the officer with both hands behind his back. Witnesses at the location informed the officer the suspect was in possession of knives. The Involved Officer gave loud verbal commands instructing the suspect to show his hands, drop the knives and to get on the ground. The suspect disregarded the officer's commands and continued to advance towards the officer. As the Involved Officer retreated several yards, he continued to give the suspect verbal commands. During the suspect's advance toward the officer, the suspect removed one of his hands from behind his back and produced a knife. The Involved Officer, fearing for his safety, fired one round, striking the suspect in the chest. Cover officers arrived shortly after the shooting and attempted to take the suspect into custody. The suspect struggled with the officers who were forced to deploy their TASER on the suspect to gain his compliance and take custody of the knives. Dallas Fire and Rescue transported the suspect to Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH) where he was pronounced deceased. The family members were also transported to PMH with non-life threatening injuries. No officers were injured during this incident.

Witness statements were consistent when describing the suspect's aggression and overt acts against the Involved Officer.

**STATUS:** Under Investigation

**PREVIOUS CASE PRESENTATION:**

**Control #2013-310**

**Council District:** 5  
**Involved Officers:** (1) White Male  
(2) Hispanic Male  
**Suspects:** (1) Hispanic Male

On September 6, 2013, at approximately 5:06 p.m., Dallas officers received information from the police dispatcher that Garland Police Department was requesting assistance in locating and stopping an aggravated assault suspect. Officer #1 (Dallas officer) responded and located Officer #2 (Garland officer) and the suspect at the intersection of Highway 175 and Buckner Boulevard. Officers #1 and #2 initiated a felony traffic stop and ordered the suspect from the vehicle. When the suspect refused to comply, both officers approached the suspect's vehicle at which time a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the suspect was able to put the vehicle in gear and attempted to drive away with both officers hanging from the vehicle. As the struggle continued, the suspect reached into his waistband for what officers

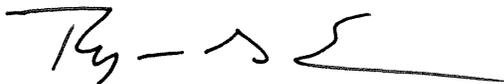
believed to be a weapon. Officers #1 and #2, fearing for their lives, fired their weapons at the suspect. After Officers #1 and #2 fired their weapons, the suspect was able to drive away. The suspect reentered the freeway where he collided with the median before driving off the freeway onto the service road where he struck a stop sign before the vehicle came to a stop. Additional officers and supervisors responded to the location and found the suspect still inside the vehicle. The suspect was transported to Baylor Medical Center by Dallas Fire and Rescue where he was pronounced deceased. No officers were injured during this incident.

The medical examiner has ruled that the cause of death was the result of a self-inflicted wound. A pistol was recovered inside the suspect's vehicle.

**UPDATE:** The Internal Affairs Division investigation revealed the officers were justified in their use of deadly force.

**STATUS:** Complete

Case #CN2012-193 was presented at the September 23, 2013, Public Safety Committee Meeting.



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