

March 19, 2025: 1600 block of Moore Street (OISI: 25-08)

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at approximately 11:00 AM, officials from Licensing and Inspections attempted to serve an inspection notice at a residence on the 1900 block of Morris Street. Deputies from the Sheriff's Office were present to assist with the service. Upon knocking on the door, John Harley answered the door armed with what appeared to be a rifle. One of the Sheriff deputies drew his firearm, ordered Mr. Harley to drop the gun, and called for Philadelphia Police to respond to assist. Mr. Harley exited the front door and walked to the 1600 block of Moore Street, carrying the rifle in his hands.

Multiple Philadelphia Police Officers responded to the assist call and encountered Mr. Harley at 18th and Moore Street. The officers repeatedly ordered Mr. Harley to drop the gun. Mr. Harley did not drop the gun and continued to walk westbound on Moore Street. On the 1600 block of Moore Street, Mr. Harley raised the gun and pointed it at officers positioned on the corner of 17th and Moore Street. Officer Damien Stevenson fired his rifle four times at Mr. Harley, striking him in the right flank area. Mr. Harley fell to the ground and dropped the gun. Officers arrested Mr. Harley and transported him to Jefferson Hospital for treatment.

The gun recovered at the scene was a black airsoft-style BB gun resembling a firearm.

John Harley is a 36-year-old Black male.

Officer Stevenson is a 46-year-old Black male. He is assigned to the Counter-terrorism Unit and has 17 years of service.