



Richardson Police Department News Release

September 28, 2010

Officer Involved Shooting
800 Blk. South Central Expressway
Richardson, TX

On Monday, September 27, 2010 at approximately 9:33 p.m., Richardson Police Officer T. Bannister was attempting to conduct a traffic stop in the 800 block of S. Central Expressway. He was assisted by Officers M. Lynch and V. Gibson. During the stop, Officer Bannister saw what he believed to be drug contraband on the driver's lap. He ordered the driver several times to unlock his door. Instead of complying with the officer's orders, he placed his white Nissan Versa into reverse and accelerated rapidly away from the officers. He stopped his vehicle before hitting a curb line and another police vehicle. The officers drew their weapons and continued to order the driver out of his vehicle. The driver placed his vehicle into drive and accelerated towards one of the officers. Six rounds were then fired by the officers in defense of the officer's life. The driver traveled a short distance from the scene before coming to a stop. Officers followed the fleeing vehicle and were able to take the driver and his female passenger into custody.

The passenger was not injured. She has been identified as 43-year-old Pamela Edinger. She is in custody at the Richardson City Jail and has been charged with public intoxication and failure to identify. The driver was transported to Parkland Hospital for treatment of a gun shot wound. He has been identified as 34-year-old Ahmad Essam Ismail. He has been charged with aggravated assault on a public servant. As the investigation progresses additional charges are expected.

The officers involved have been placed on administrative leave during the internal investigation. Officer Bannister has been with the Richardson Police Department less than two years. Officer Lynch has been with the Department over five years, Officer Gibson, who was present but did not discharge his weapon, has been with the Department for over 2 years.

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