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On Thursday, September 7, 2006, at approximately 4:50 p.m., uniformed officers in marked police vehicles were on a traffic stop in the 6500 block of Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church. They observed an unoccupied vehicle rolling in reverse in the northbound lanes and believed the vehicle to be disabled and rolling away due to a mechanical failure or operator error. As the officers approached the rolling vehicle to intercept it, they encountered a suspect physically removing the victim from the driver's seat of the vehicle in an apparent carjacking. The suspect then entered the vehicle through the driver's door.

One officer positioned himself to intervene by stepping up to the open driver's door and giving the suspect verbal commands to stop. The suspect backed the vehicle up, causing the officer to become entangled between the door and the vehicle frame. The officer continued to give commands to the suspect to stop. The suspect did not stop and the officer discharged his service weapon, striking the suspect.

The officer fell to the ground and the suspect drove away, striking a second officer in the process. The suspect was apprehended in an adjacent jurisdiction after a vehicle pursuit there. The suspect was then transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment.

The suspect was subsequently charged with Carjacking and Burglary with Intent to Commit Robbery.