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On Saturday, July 5, 2008, at approximately 11:16 p.m., uniformed officers in marked police vehicles were dispatched to a call regarding an emotionally disturbed person in the 3100 block of Summit Square Drive in Oakton. The man called the Department of Public Safety Communications to report he had cut his wrist with a knife in a suicide attempt.

Fire and Rescue uniformed personnel arrived on scene before the officers. Familiar with him from past calls, they did not believe him to be dangerous and approached his residence. The man opened his front door and pointed a firearm at the Fire and Rescue personnel, who quickly fled into the parking lot where they briefed the arriving officers.

The person began walking down the sidewalk still holding the firearm. The officers challenged him with, "Police! Don't move! Drop the gun!" He did not comply and continued to walk toward one of the officers. The man lifted the gun and pointed it at the officer. Two officers discharged their service weapon, striking him and causing him to drop the firearm and fall to the ground. The officers gave the person commands to move away from his firearm, but he continued to reach for it. Both officers again discharged their service weapon, striking him and stopping him from moving for the firearm.

The officers approached, secured the man's firearm and immediately had the Fire and Rescue personnel render aid. The person was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The person's weapon, a BB gun that was powered by a CO₂ cartridge, a replicated Walther handgun, was recovered at the scene.