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On Monday, April 13, 2009, at approximately 12:41 a.m., uniformed officers in marked police vehicles were dispatched to a possible domestic dispute in the 9000 block of Piney Grove Drive in Fairfax. Multiple citizens called to report screaming from the residence. Information was then received that a man, who was possibly armed with a knife, was chasing after and hitting a naked woman outside.

The first officer located the man and the woman at the intersection of Ellenwood Drive and Piney Grove Drive. The man forced the woman into a vehicle and disregarded the officer's commands to stop. Upon seeing the knife, the officer pointed his service weapon at the man and gave commands for the man to drop the knife. The man yelled back, "I'm going to kill her; I'm going to kill her!"

A second officer arrived on scene as the man put the knife to the woman's throat. Both officers then gave commands for him to drop the knife. The man, who was outside the vehicle, responded that he had a gun, lowered the knife from the woman's throat and began to reach inside the vehicle. The second officer discharged his service weapon, striking the man. The officers rendered aid until relieved by Fire and Rescue personnel. The man was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the man was an acquaintance of the woman. The man had forced entry into the residence and assaulted the woman and her boyfriend before the woman was able to escape and flee outside.

Two knives were recovered at the scene.