



## FAIRBANKS POLICE

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# PRESS RELEASE

**Incident:** Shooting/Death Inv.      **Location:** 1915 Cushman St, One Stop Auto

**Case Number:** 07-16842              **Date:** August 14, 2007

On Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at approximately 2213 hours, Fairbanks Police Officers responded to 1915 S. Cushman Street, One Stop Auto. An FPD Officer called stating that he was making contact with a suspect who was in a grey 1990 Dodge van, Alaska License FAV402, and was requesting assistance. The same van had been reportedly involved in a recent jewelry theft at Bentley Mall, as well as a theft of a firearm from Fred Meyer West.

As additional officers were responding to the scene, The FPD Officer advised that he was deploying his Taser. (The Taser X26 uses a replaceable cartridge containing compressed nitrogen to deploy two small probes that are attached to the X26 by insulated conductive wires. The Taser transmits electrical pulses along the wires and into the body affecting sensory and motor functions.)

The suspect, later identified as Lucky R. ADAMS, dob: 8-8-70, failed to comply with the officer's verbal commands and was resistive to control efforts. After deploying the Taser, ADAMS pulled out at least one of the Taser's probes and continued to resist the officer's commands and attempts to control his movements. ADAMS then produced a 9mm Beretta handgun, pointing it at the FPD Officer.

The FPD Officer pulled his duty weapon, firing multiple shots at ADAMS. ADAMS was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 9mm handgun brandished by ADAMS was confirmed to be the same one stolen earlier from Fred Meyer West. A passenger in the van driven by ADAMS was questioned, and fully corroborated the preceding events.

Personnel with the FPD Investigations Unit responded following the shooting to conduct a full scene investigation, with assistance from a special investigator from the State of Alaska's Crime Laboratory. In accordance with department policy, the FPD Officer has been placed on Administrative Leave while this incident is being investigated; the Officer's name will be released following the minimum three-day administrative leave

period. The investigation, once completed, will be forwarded to the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office for review.

The victim and vehicle in this case have been linked to multiple thefts in the Fairbanks area which are also being investigated during this time. Anyone with information regarding this incident or information regarding the deceased and/or van, are encouraged to call the Fairbanks Police Department at 450-6500.

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