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Eric Lewis arrest report on philadelphia police shooting

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ERIC LEWIS ALLEGEDLY MADE RACIAL STATEMENTS AFTER SHOOTING PHILADELPHIA POLICE OFFICERS: "IF IT WAS YOU THAT RESPONDED, WE WOULD HAVE JUST HAD A CONVERSATION"

Newly obtained Philadelphia Police Department arrest records reveal disturbing statements allegedly made by Eric Lewis, 35, following the shooting that killed Officer Shane Seiber and seriously wounded Officer Hector Rodriguez.

According to the arrest report, Lewis made several statements about the race of the responding officers while receiving medical treatment at Jefferson Hospital.

Lewis allegedly claimed that the officers had grabbed him because they were white.

He reportedly told a Black female officer that if she had responded to his home instead, they would have simply had a conversation.

The report further documents additional racially charged statements about white police officers, along with Lewis's claims that he had a right to defend himself.

The statements raise serious questions about whether racial hostility played a role in the deadly shooting.

The incident occurred shortly after midnight on October 10, when Officers Seiber and Rodriguez responded to a report of a person with a gun on North 52nd Street in West Philadelphia.

Both officers were shot during a struggle on a porch. Seiber, a 40-year-old father of two, later died from his injuries.

According to police, Lewis subsequently fired additional shots toward responding officers before SWAT located him hiding in a tree and took him into custody.

While the alleged statements suggest race may have been a factor, investigators have not established racial bias as the confirmed motive.

Lewis faces murder, attempted murder, and numerous additional charges.

Source: Philadelphia Police Department arrest report. Lewis is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

