

December 6. 2016

Eureka Police Department O.I.S. Press Briefing

EPD Case# 16-008732

Facts of the Case

Times:

- The first reports of shots fired was at 16:51.15 hours – 3B34
- The car exits Sole Savers at 16:51.56 hours-Car Jacked Vehicle
- The car is abandoned at 16:52.28 hours holding gun-Abandoned vehicle
- The suspect is at 16:52:44 hours suspect at 5th and B street-Down/Drop the gun
- Medical Staged at 16:53.15
- Linfoot with Eyes on to when medical called 3:19 seconds.

By the numbers:

- 42 Rounds fired- all .40 Cal, no AR-15
- 27 strikes on target car- two probably exit
- 14 strikes on other objects- Walls etc.
- 3 strikes unaccounted for
- 42 shell casings at scene...

Facts of the Case

Officer Linfoot fired 16 rounds w/ one ejected round

- All in the car port of Soul Savers

Officer Nantz fired 5 rounds

- All on the west side of Sole Savers

Officer Jansen fired 20 rounds

- 15 on the west side of Sole Savers

- 2 on 6th Street

- 3 on B Street

Detective Harpham fired 1 round

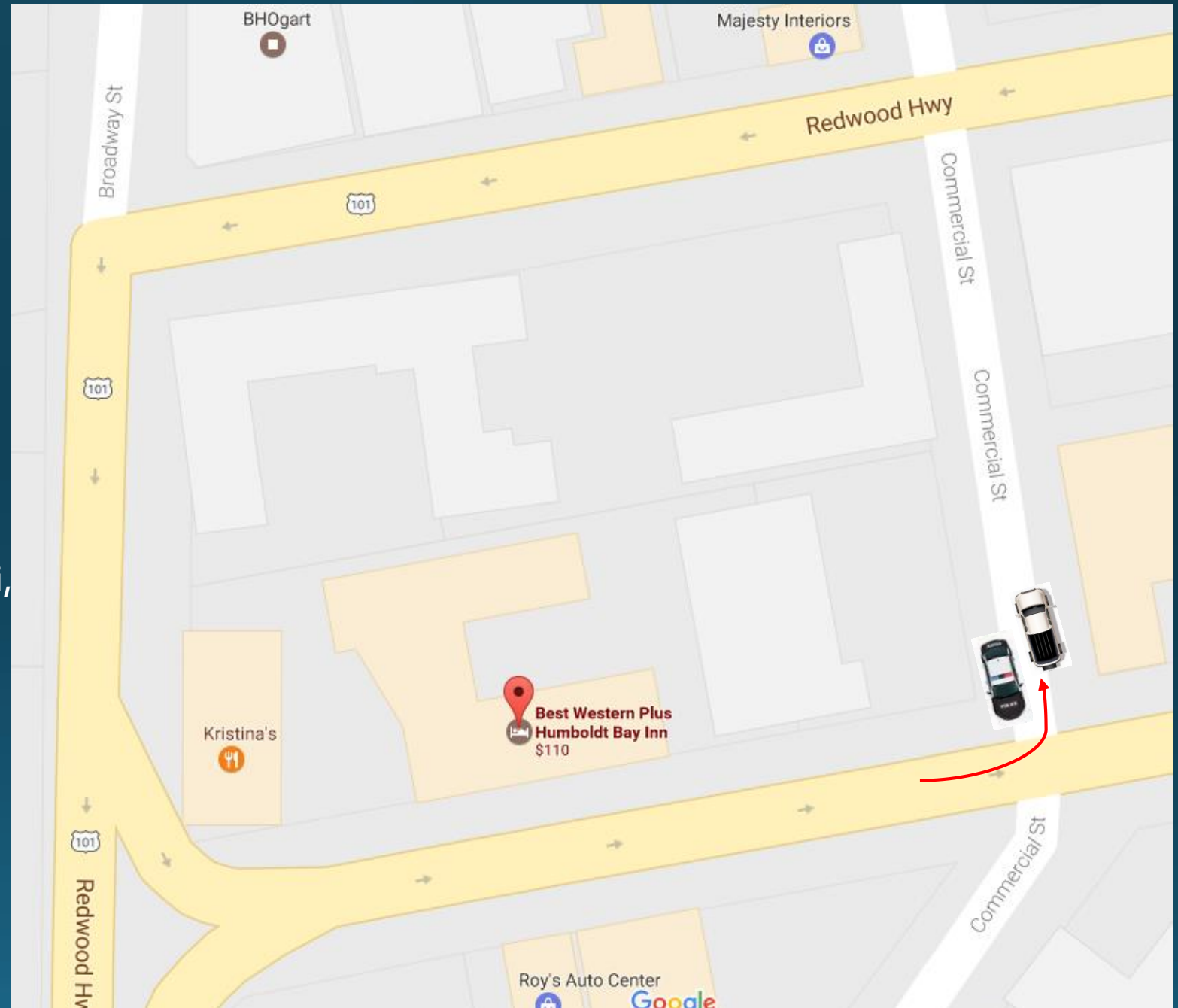
- B Street

It takes about .3 seconds to fire a round and cycle the weapon for the next trigger pull.

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1639 hours (4:39 pm)

CHP Officer Walker Observes
a white Dodge Ram Pickup turn
onto Commercial from 5th Street.

The driver, later identified as Lasinski,
is seen trying to conceal the fact that
he isn't wearing his seatbelt.

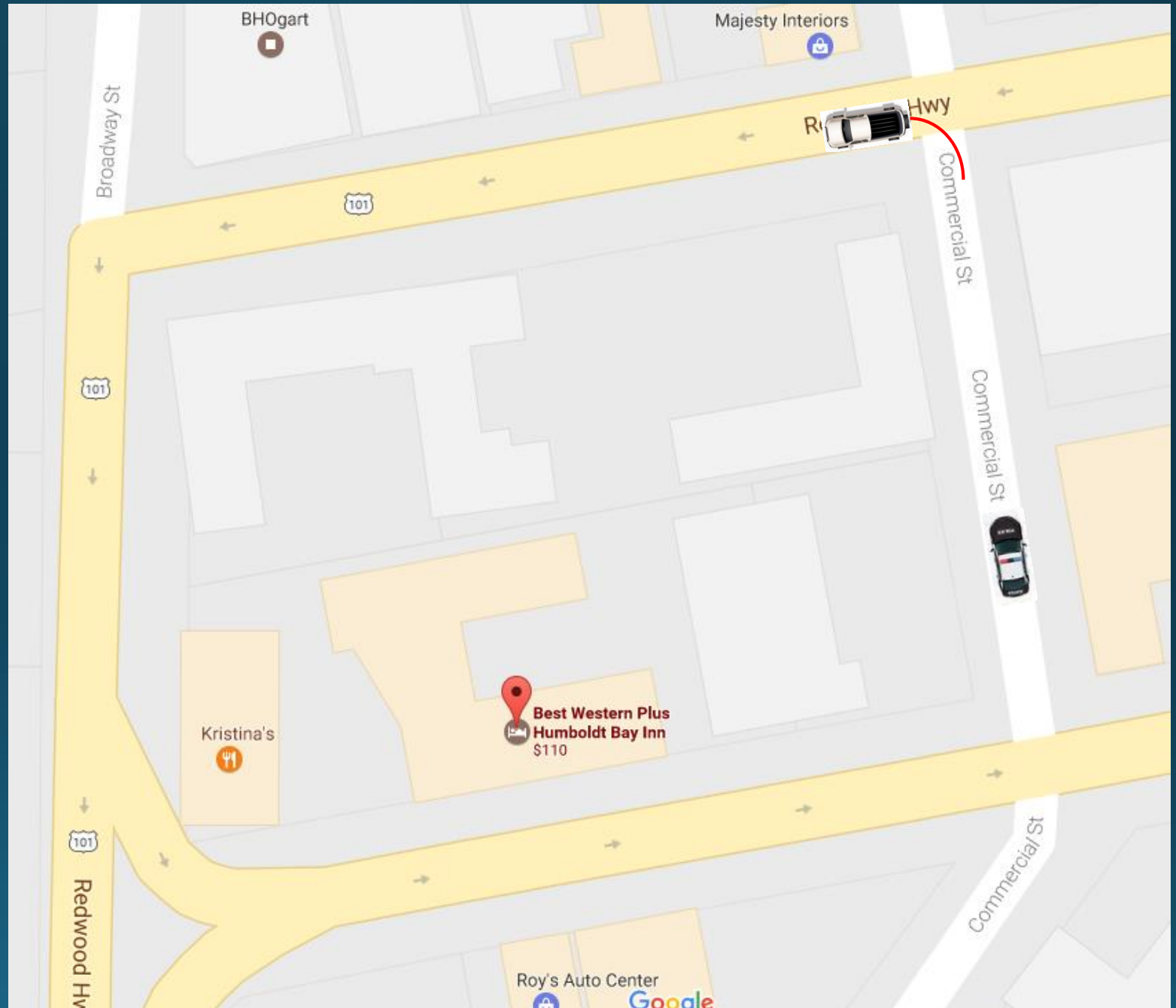


Clayton Lasinski
09/11/1990



Officer Walker makes a U-turn and initiates traffic stop.

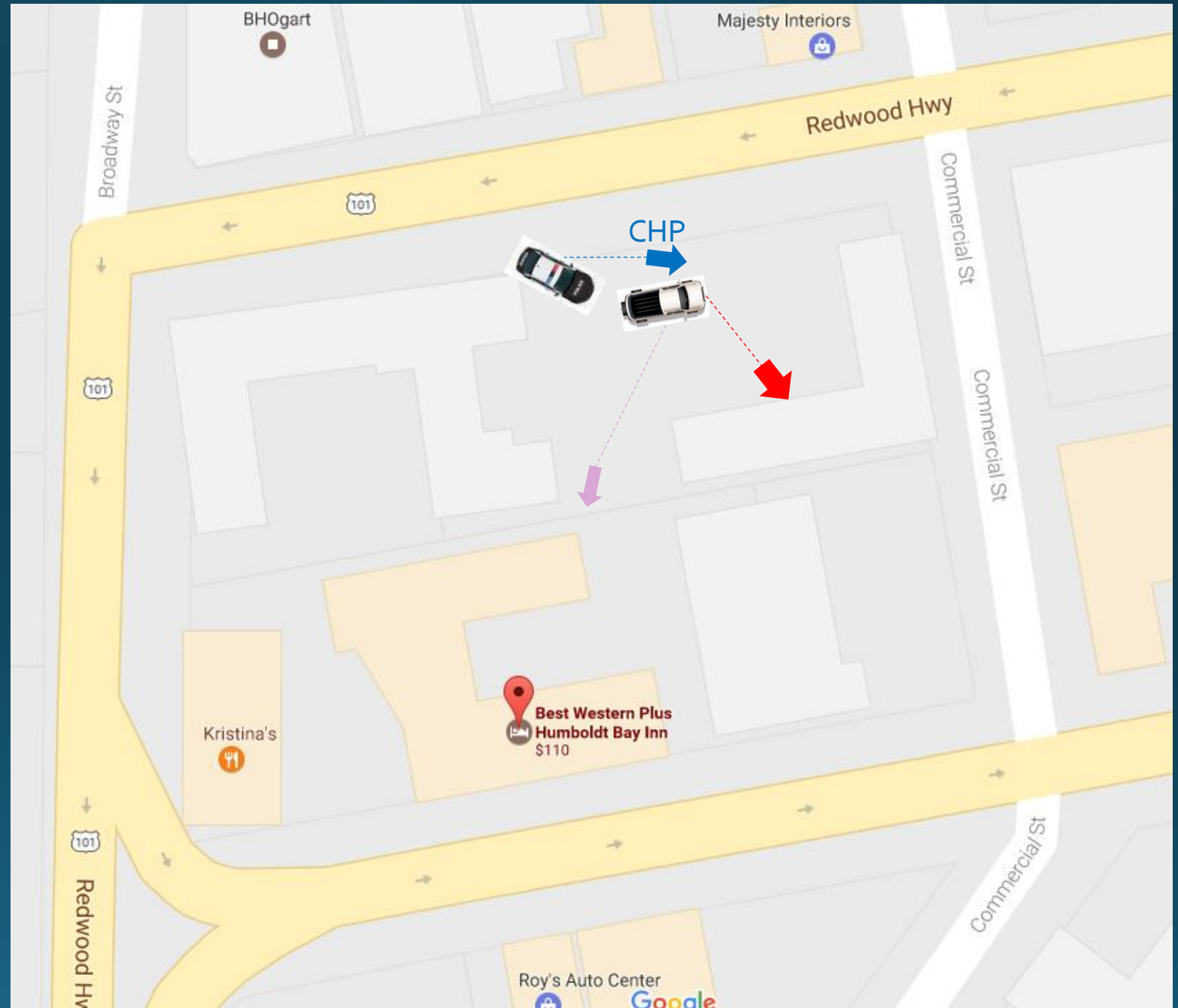
Lasinski runs the stop sign at Commercial and 4th Streets and Officer Walker loses sight of the vehicle.



Officer Walker drives into the 4th Street entrance of Best Western (232 W Fifth) and relocates the Dodge.

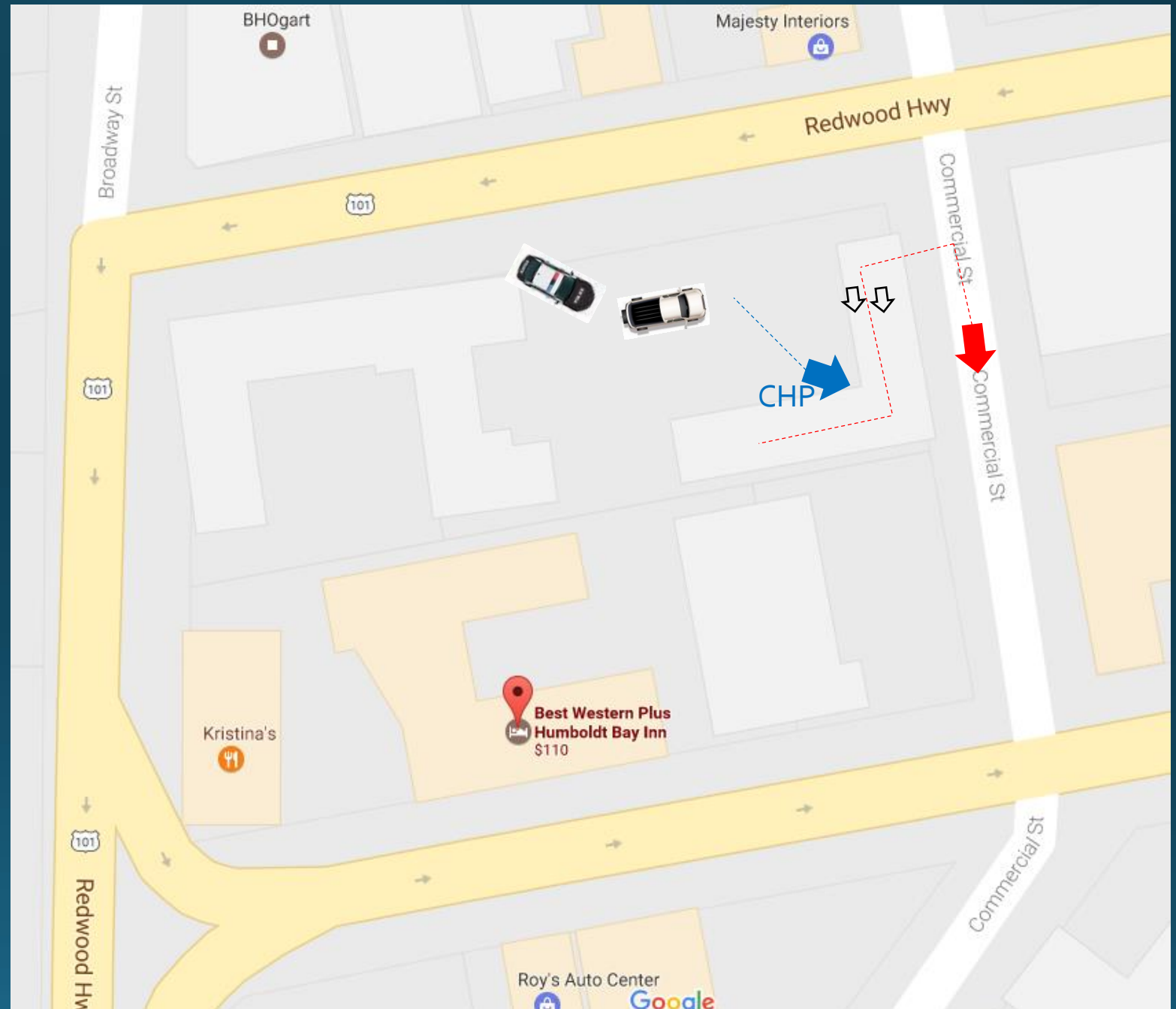
Officer Walker sees a female walk south through the parking lot from the Dodge

Officer Walker then sees Lasinski walking towards the "Redwood Wing." Officer Walker runs after Lasinski shouting "Taser, taser"



Lasinski confronts two maintenance workers on the 2nd floor and gets into a physical altercation, displays his firearm and tells them he is armed.

Lasinski passes the workers and jumps over wall of complex and runs south on Commercial.



CHP Call for Help-Man with a Gun

- **1642 hours**, EPD dispatch receives call for agency assist to locate fleeing armed suspect. Officers Hill (3B95) and Jansen (3B34) are dispatched to respond.
- Officers Jansen, Hill, and Linfoot (3B31) arrive at Best Western and are informed Lasinski had a handgun. They are told Lasinski was seen running southbound around California Street.

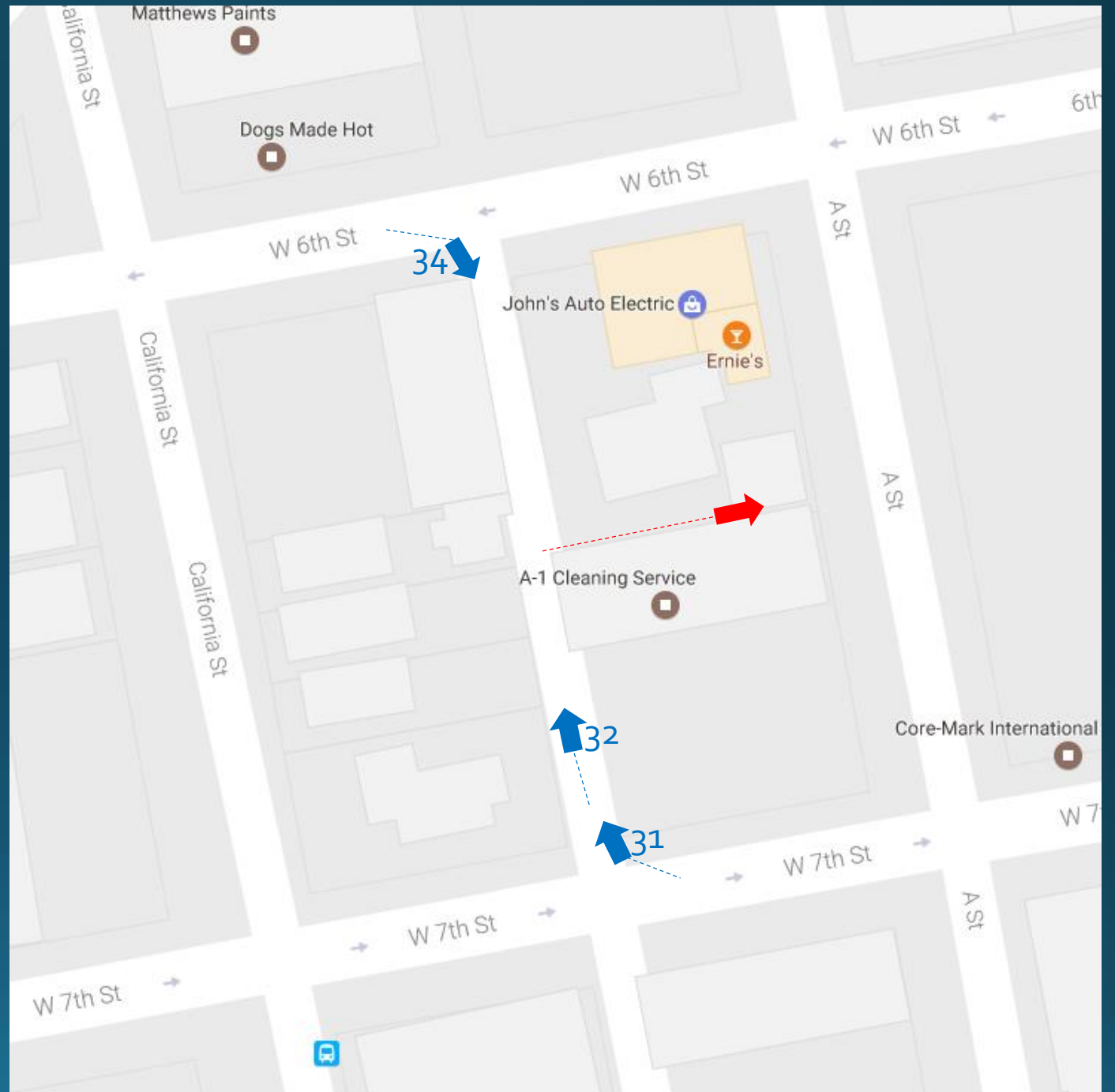
Lasinski's Cocked and Locked .45 cal



1649 hours

Officer Linfoot locates Lasinski jumping a fence headed towards A Street. Officers Nantz and Jansen also see Lasinski jumping a fence in the alley between California/A, and 6th/7th and shout "Police! Stop."

Lasinski looks at Officer Nantz but continues over the fence towards A Street.

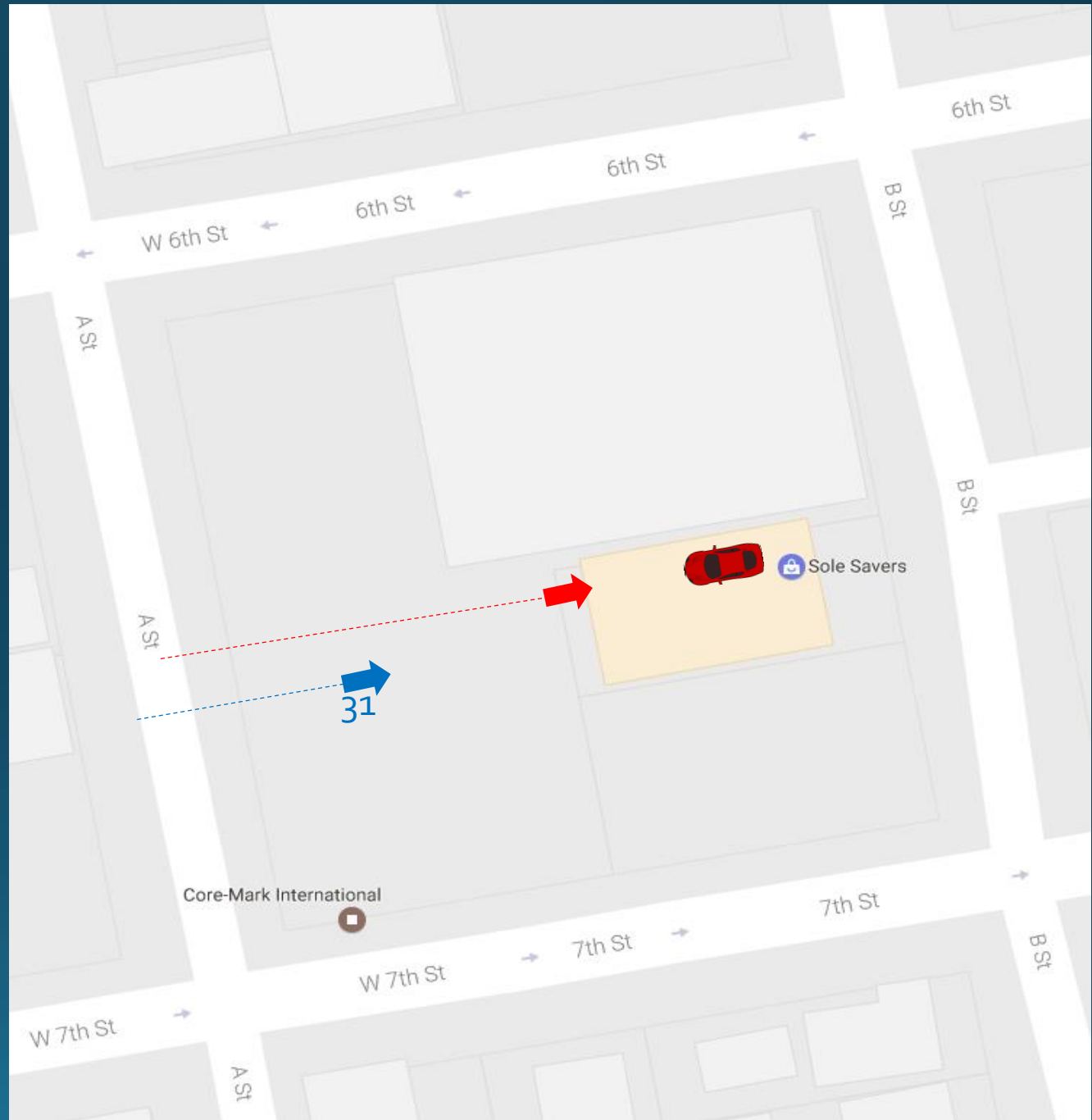


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Officer Linfoot sees Lasinski on A Street and pursues him on foot across A Street and into Sole Savers (27 7th Street).

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Officer Linfoot shouts "Stop, stop" to Lasinski but Lasinski continues running into the covered breezeway of Sole Savers

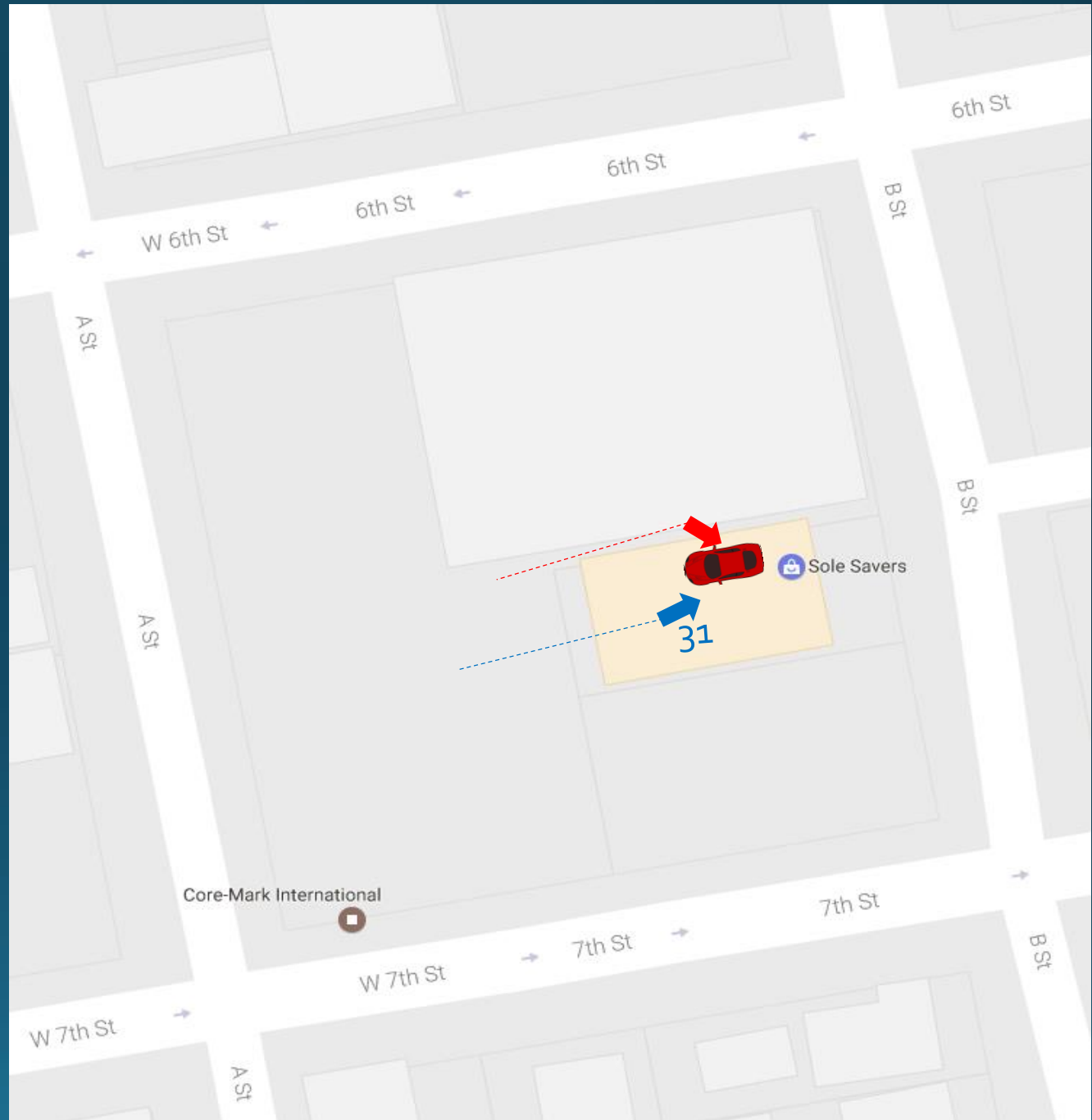


Lasinski locates a red Mazda sedan idling in the Sole Savers breezeway.

An employee sees police chasing Lasinski and moves out of the way. Lasinski gets into the passenger side of the car and climbs over to the driver's side.

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Officer Linfoot draws his firearm commanding Lasinski to stop and sees Lasinski point a firearm at him over the dashboard from inside the vehicle.



Gun Threat: 16:51:15

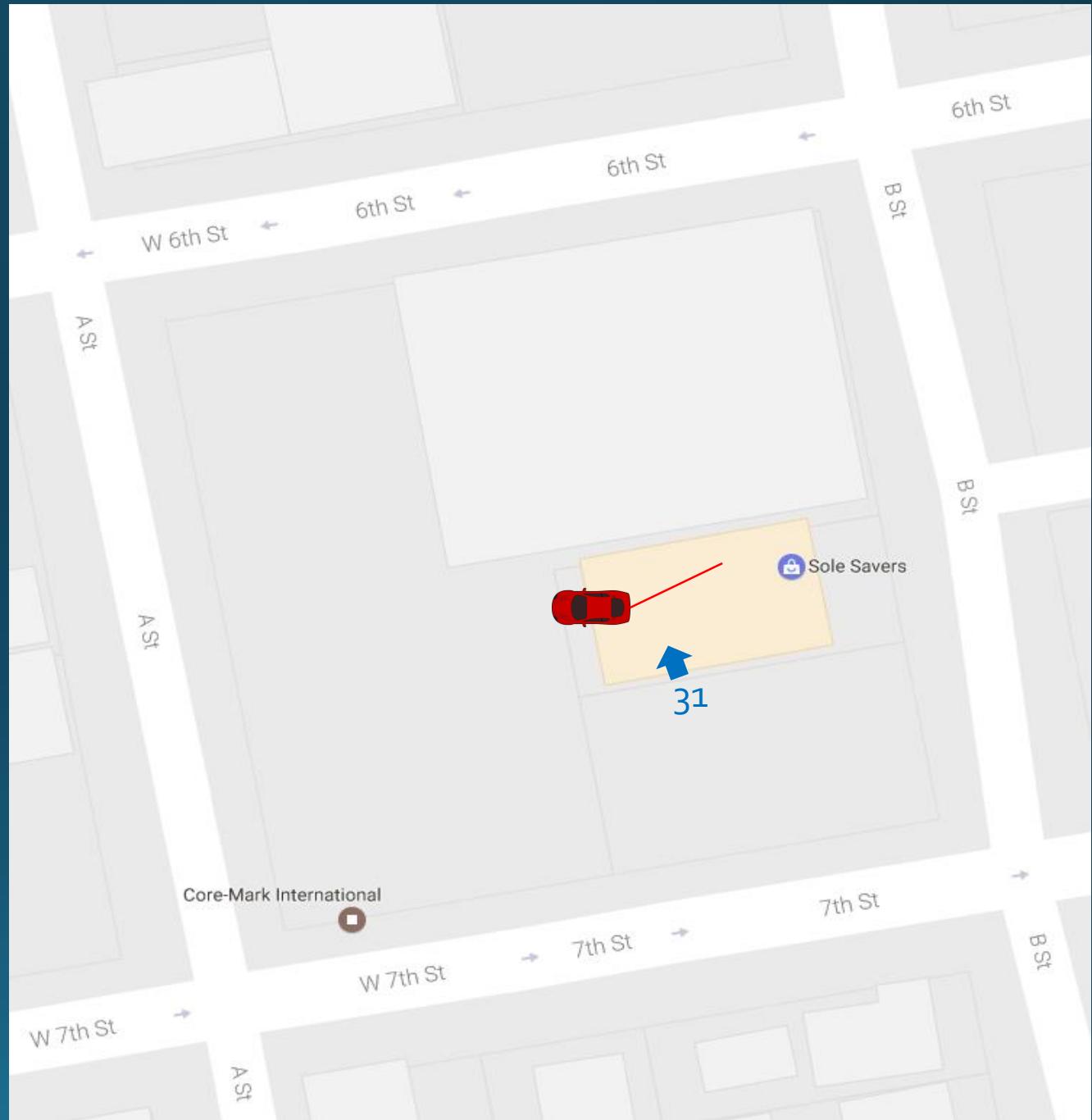
Officer Linfoot fires rounds into the vehicle as he steps backwards and to his right to create a distance.

Officer Linfoot trips on a curb and falls backwards into an office doorway and continues firing in the driver's side of the vehicle as it accelerates and passes by him.

Lasinski reported that it was during this time he was struck by a bullet.

Officer Linfoot fired 16 rounds.

1651 hours, Officers Linfoot and Jansen broadcast shots fired.

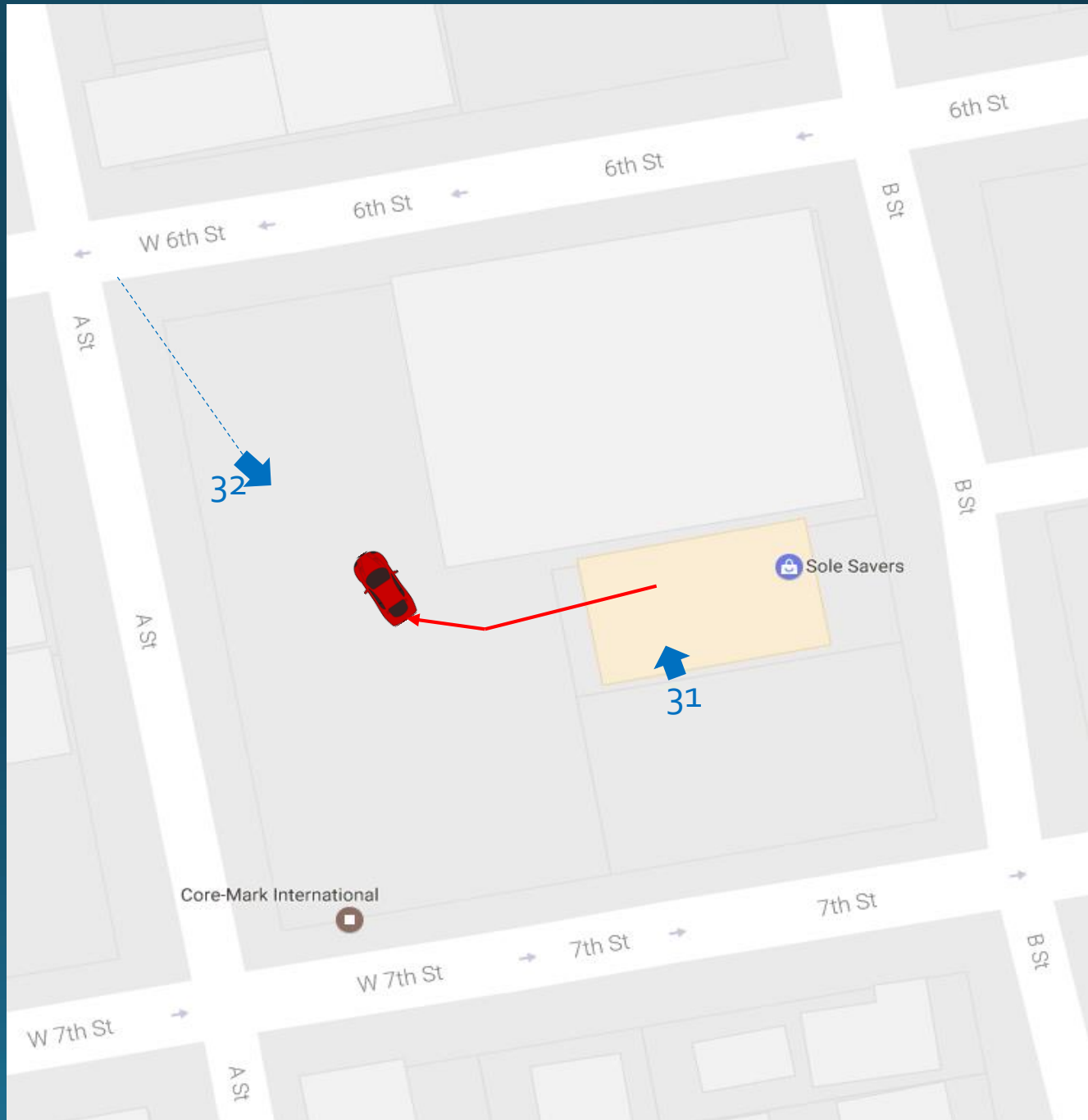




Lasinski drove the Mazda westbound out of the breezeway and turned north in the lot towards Officer Nantz.

Officer Nantz felt Lasinski was driving directly at him in an attempt to strike him and fired rounds at the vehicle while attempting to move out of the path.

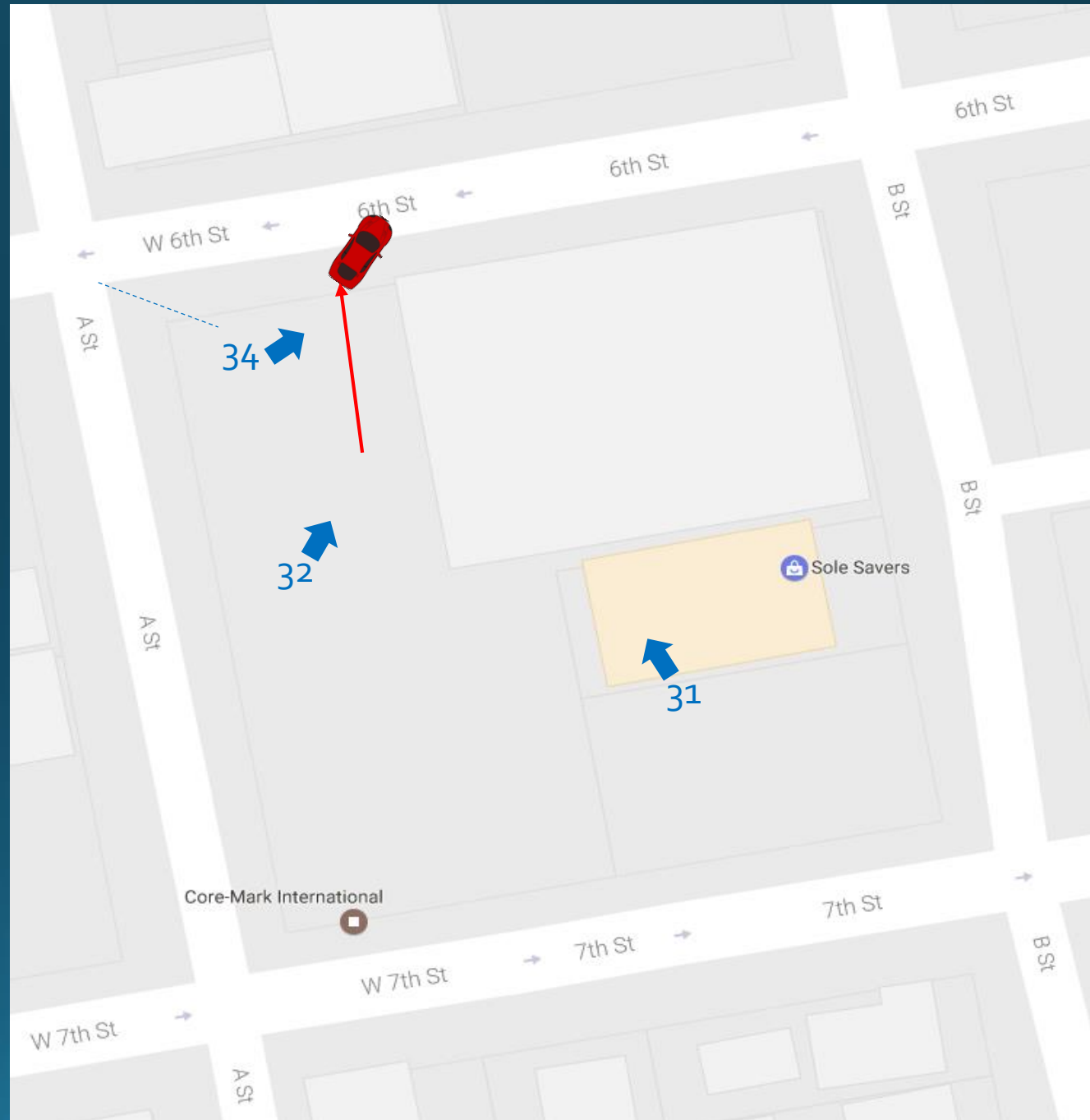
Officer Nantz fired 5 rounds.





Lasinski then drove by Officer Jansen. Officer Jansen fired rounds into the Mazda and continued firing as Lasinski turned eastbound on 6th Street (**against traffic**).

Officer Jansen fired approximately 15 rounds at this location.







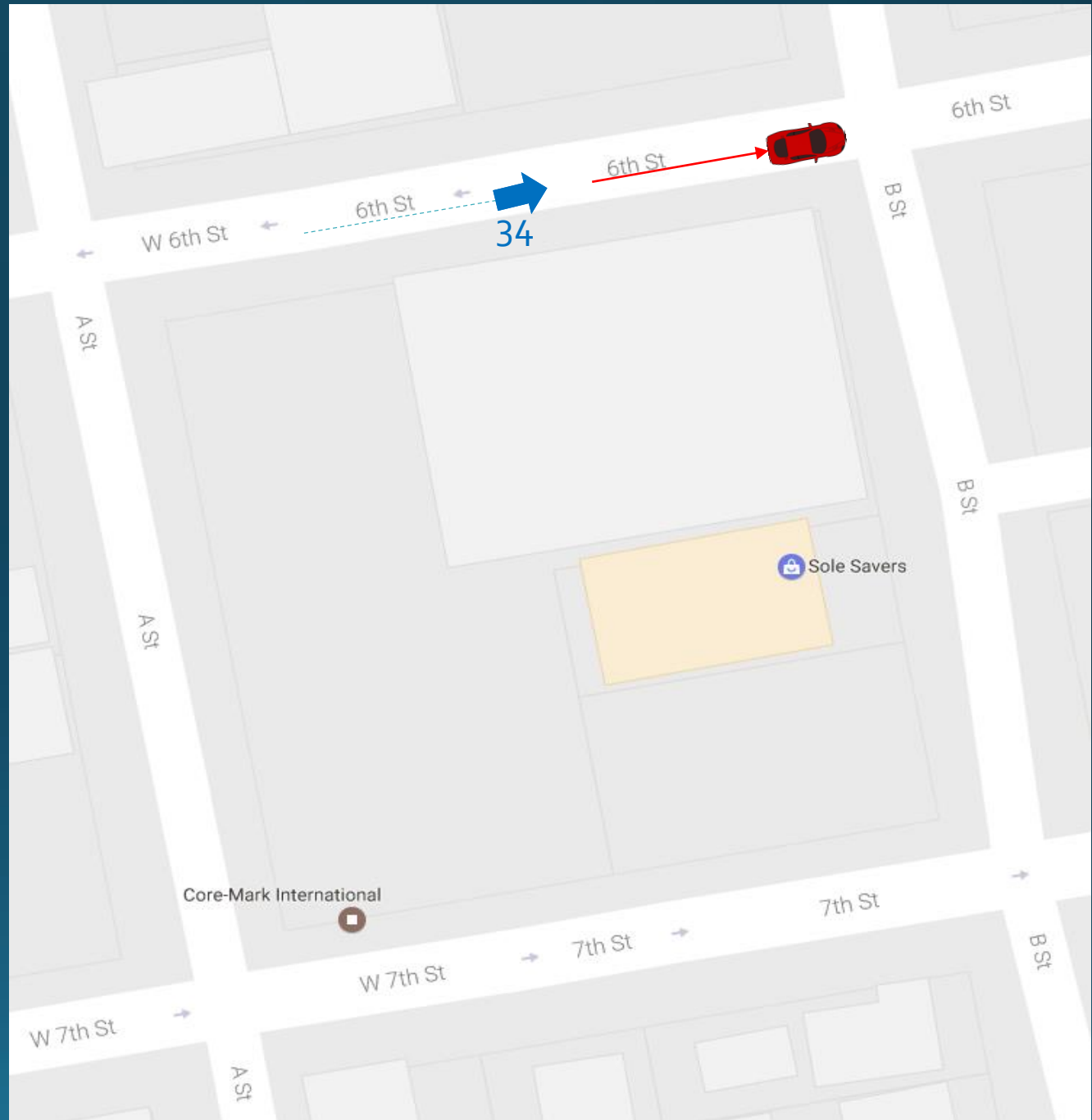




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The Mazda stalled and came to a stop on 6th street just west of B Street. Lasinski exits the vehicle.

Officer Jansen broadcasts "Lasinski still had a gun."

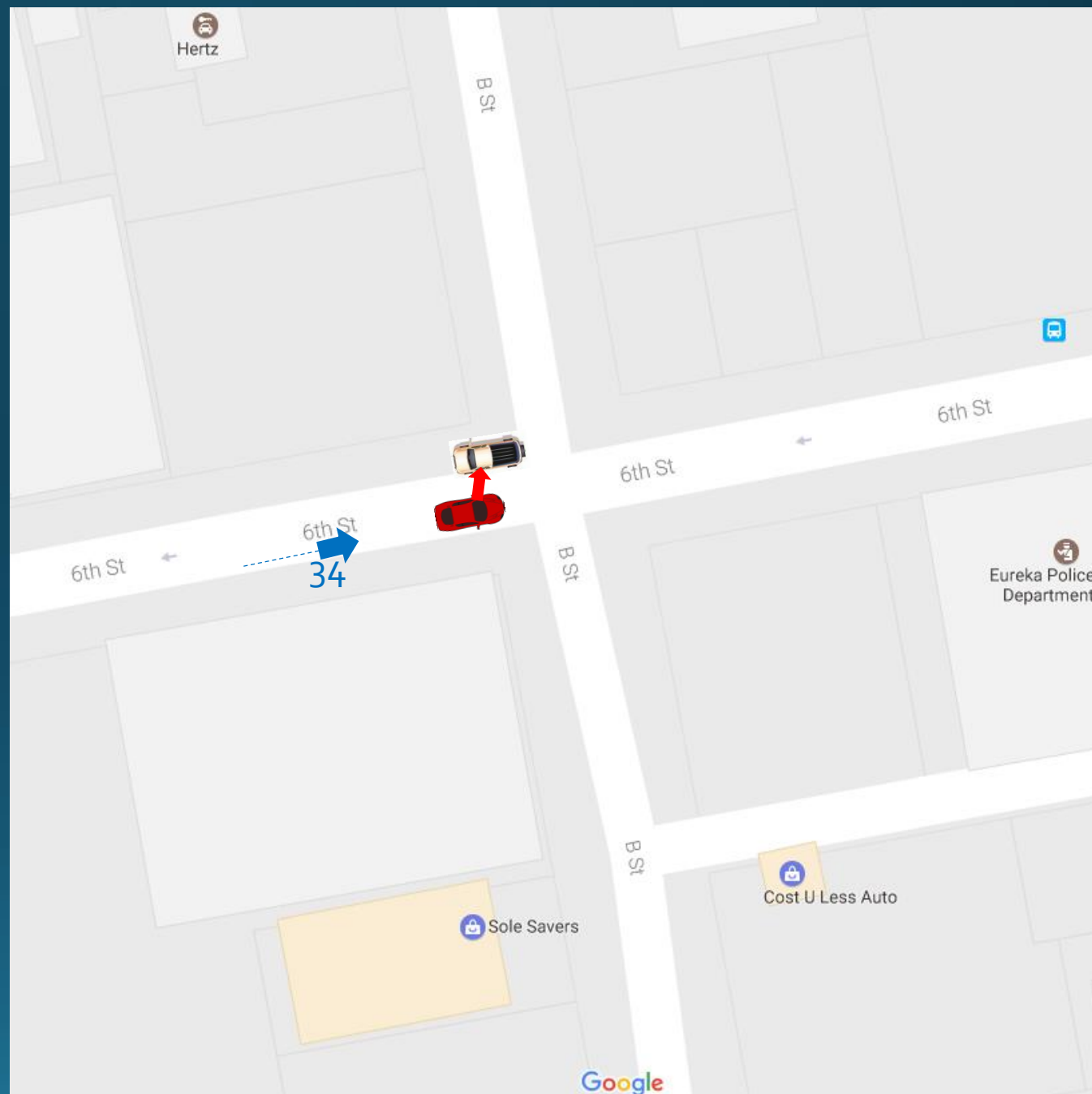


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Lasinski approaches a driver in a Toyota Tacoma on 6th Street and tells the driver to get out while holding the handgun at chest level.
(Attempted Car Jacking)

The driver flees in the vehicle.

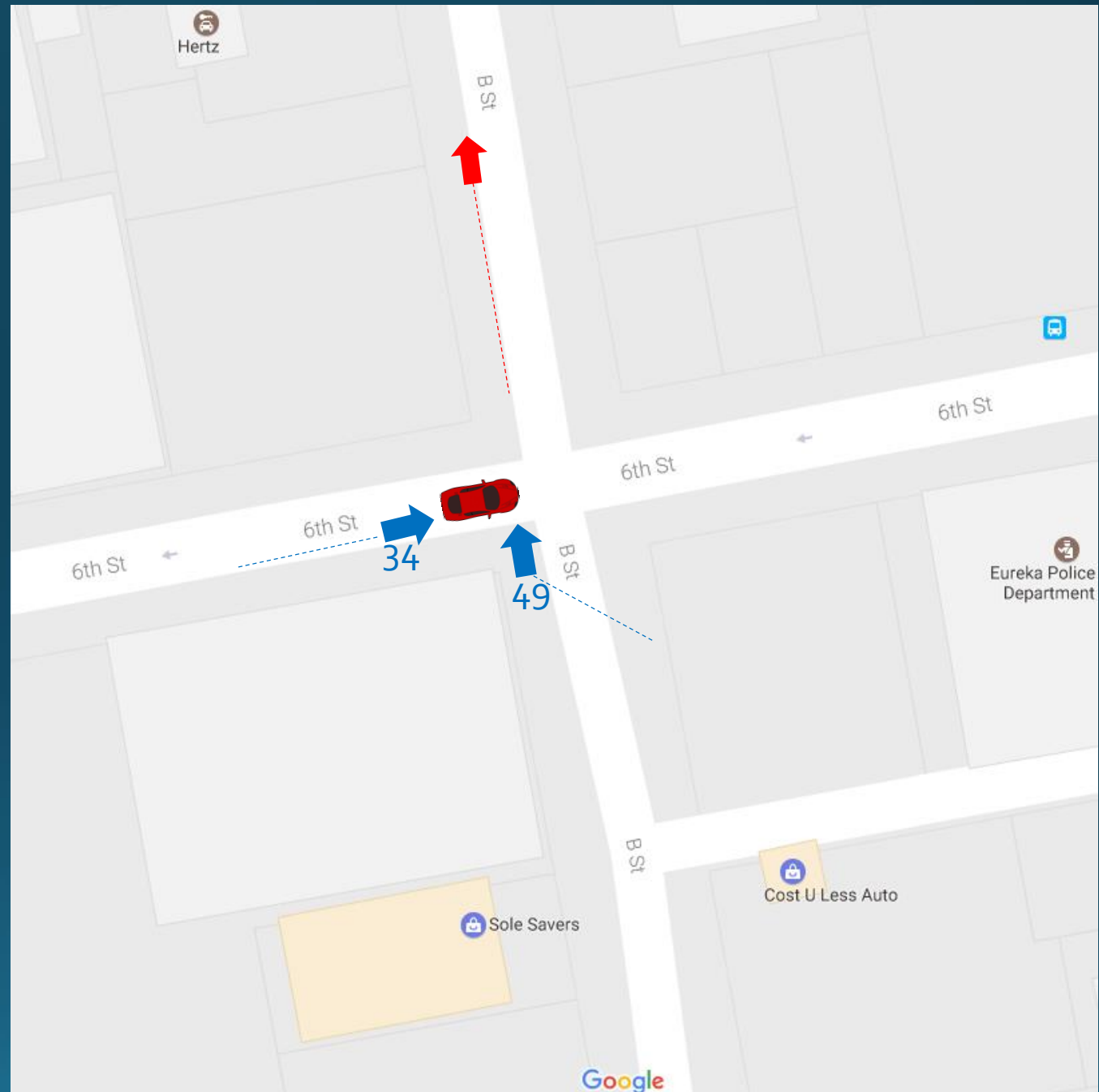
Lasinski moves north on B Street, gun in hand.



Detective Harpham (3K49) ran to the southwest corner of 6th and B Streets from EPD headquarters.

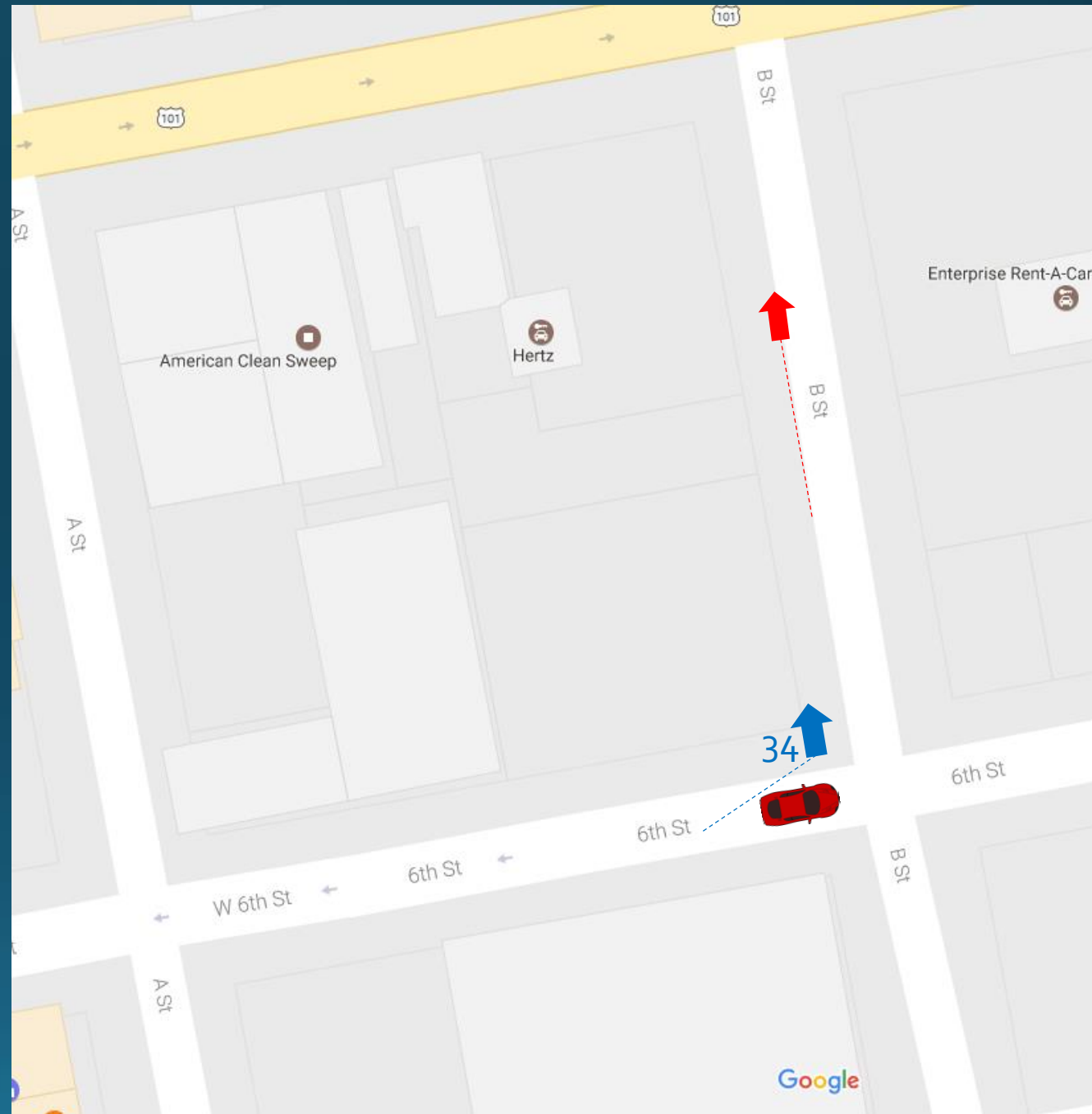
Detective Harpham hears officers giving Lasinski commands to stop and fires 1 round.

Detective Harpham chooses to not shoot again based on his position and flow of civilian traffic.



Officer Jansen runs to the northwest corner of 6th and B Streets and fires at Lasinski who is continuing north on the west sidewalk of B Street with the gun still in his hand.

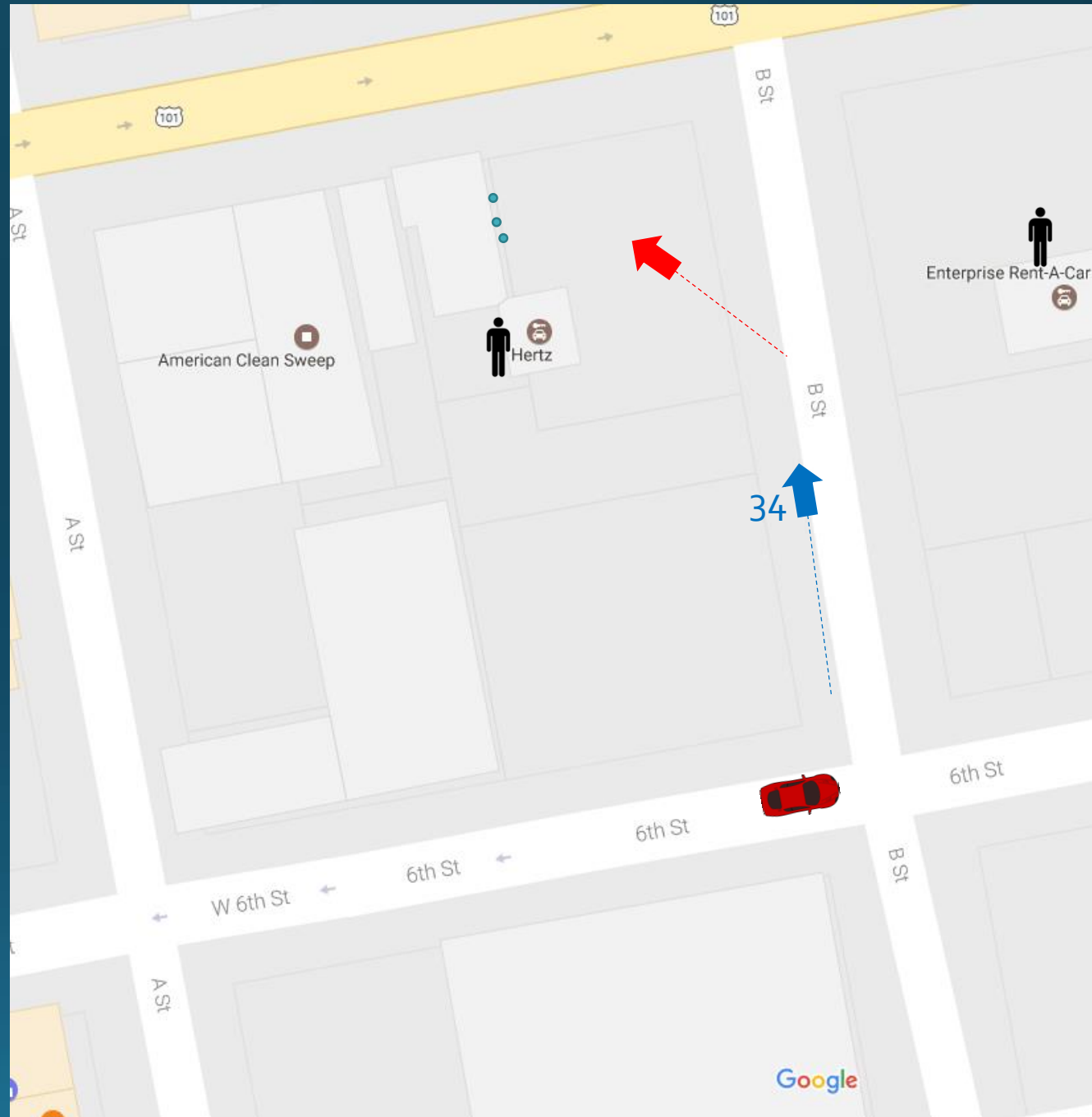
Officer Jansen fired two rounds at this location.



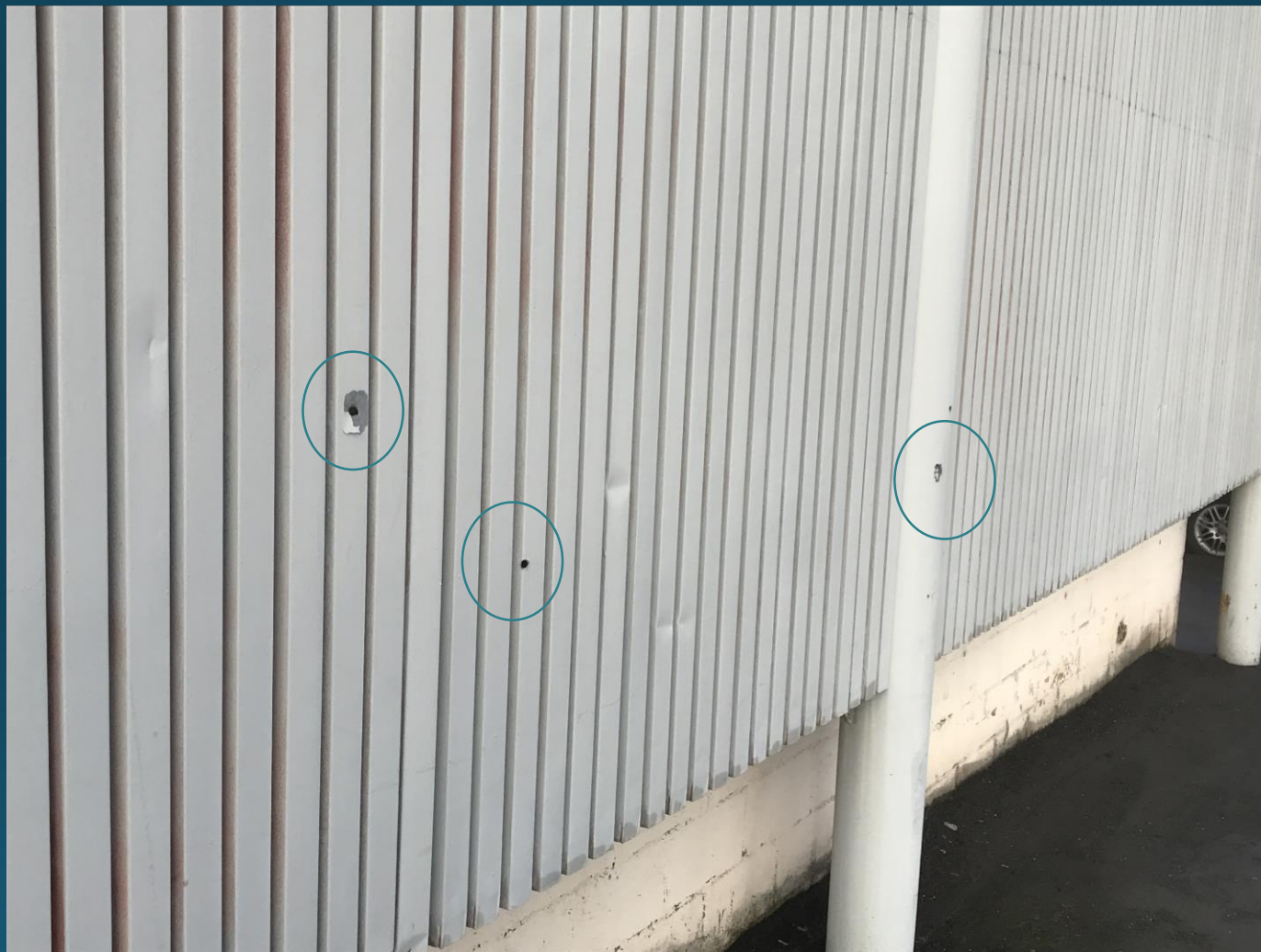
Lasinski turns into Hertz rental lot as Officer Jansen runs north on B Street and fires at Lasinski.

Civilian witnesses state Lasinski was firing at officers or pointing the gun at officers.

Officer Jansen fired three rounds at this location.



Hertz Rental



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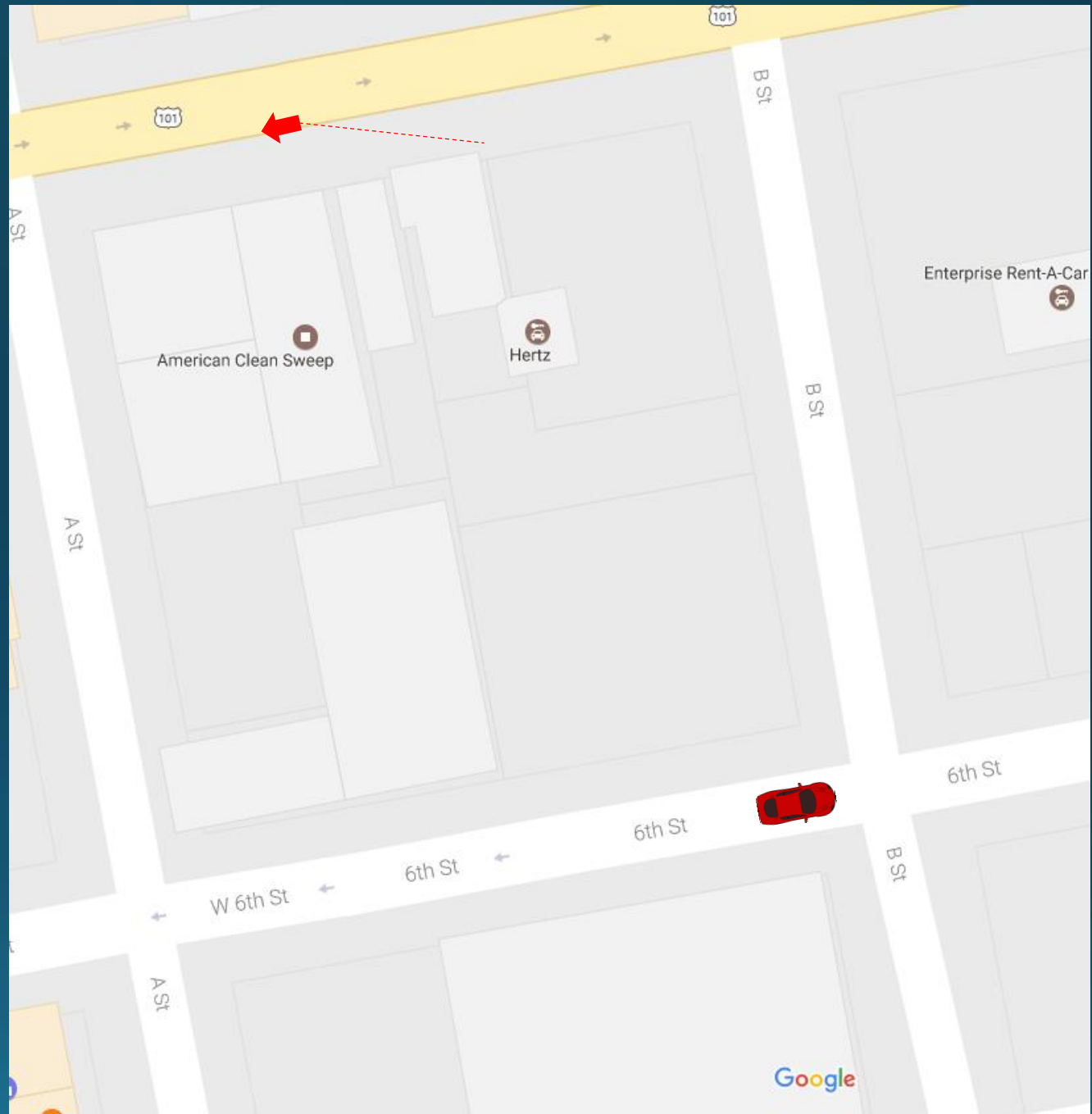
Pre-staged HBFD and ambulance transport Lasinski to St. Joseph Hospital

Lasinski continued across the lot of Hertz onto the south sidewalk of 5th Street and into the roadway where he leaned against a parked Volkswagen sedan in front of American Stove Works.

Officers surround Lasinski while he continued to hold the handgun in his hand.

Lasinski slumps to the ground then lays down.

1657 hours, officers approach Lasinski and detain him.



Next Steps

Complete the Investigation

- Additional interviews

- Re-Interview some officers-clarification

- Obtain Forensic evidence reports – Cal DOJ

Conduct Internal Review – IA/Shooting Review Board

Forward to Chief's Advisory Panel for review

- Investigation

- Policy

- Training and Transparency