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Wednesday: Berks County Deputy Sheriff Kyle D. Pagerly, 28, is shot in Albany Township by a man he and other members of a fugitive task force are trying to capture. The gunman, Matthew M. Connor, 25, is killed in the gunfire in a field near his residence, authorities said.

Aug. 6, 2006: Reading police Officer Scott A. Wertz, 40, is shot while chasing a suspect near City Hall. Cletus C. Rivera, 28, formerly of Reading, was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to die by lethal injection. Rivera remains on death row.

June 4, 2004: Reading police Officer Michael H. Wise II, 32, is shot June 4, 2004, by another policeman who mistakes Wise, who was in plain clothes, for a suspect in a gunbattle between police and the suspect. Andrew L. Smith, 25, formerly of Reading, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and related offenses for causing the gun battle and sentenced to 13 1/2 to 27 years in a state prison.

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