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Jereme Lamberth confessed to police three hours after killing Detective Jared Jensen on Feb. 22 but never indicated he knew that Jensen was a police officer, according to an arrest affidavit.

In the affidavit, unsealed Monday by District Judge Larry Schwartz, Lamberth allegedly told a police interrogator that he pulled a .44-caliber pistol from his belt and fired two bullets at the police officer as the two struggled at a bus stop east of downtown.

Jensen, 30, was trying to arrest Lamberth on an attempted-murder warrant issued Feb. 2. Lamberth was wanted for allegedly stabbing his sister more than a dozen times during an argument.

Police received a tip on the morning of Feb. 22 that Lamberth was seen in the Prospect Lake neighborhood, east of downtown.

According to the affidavit, Lamberth told Detective Derek Graham after the shooting that he was sitting on a bench when a man approached him, telling Lamberth that he was "going with him" or the man would break his arm.

Lamberth said he used his right hand to draw the handgun from his waistband and shoot the man once, the affidavit stated.

"(Lamberth) said he was trying to shoot the individual in the arm at that time, however, he was not quite sure where the individual had been shot. He said after firing one round . . . the individual then fell to the ground," the affidavit stated.

Lamberth "then described how he waited for between one and two seconds and then fired a second round at the individual who was lying on the ground. Jereme Lamberth had indicated he did not want any more problems from this individual and that was the reason why he had fired the second shot," the affidavit stated.

Graham stated in the affidavit that "during the interview with Jereme Lamberth, he made no statements that he was aware this individual who had confronted him was a Colorado Springs Police Department officer."

However, Jensen's handcuffs and his police badge, which hung on a neck chain, were recovered where he was shot.

