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**Reminder Regarding General Order 5.02, Use of Firearms:  
Permissible Circumstances to Discharge Firearm  
(Supersedes DB 13-055)**

Department General Order 5.02, Section I.C.1, lists the permissible circumstances in which an officer may discharge a firearm. Subsection I.C.1(b) permits an officer to discharge a firearm:

In defense of another person when the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person is in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury.

**An officer may not discharge a firearm at a person who presents a danger only to him or herself, and there is no reasonable cause to believe that the person poses an imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or any other person.**

If the subject is committing an act that places only him or herself in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, the use of a firearm is not permitted.

  
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