

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2022–0407 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1783 Penfield Rd, Columbus (L)

Investigative Activity:	Dash Camera Review
Involves:	Ofc. (S), Ofc. (S)
Date of Activity:	02/24/2022
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Narrative:

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations and Crime Scene Units was requested by Columbus Police Department (CPD) to respond and investigate a potential critical incident at 1783 Penfield Road, Columbus, Ohio. SAS Barbeau spoke to CPD Sqt. Terry McConnell, who explained CPD officers were engaged in a vehicle pursuit with a subject from a domestic complaint. While the involved party was fleeing, he was involved in a traffic crash where his vehicle went off the roadway and struck two (2) occupied homes. CPD officers located the driver, who was ejected and transported to Grant Medical Center. The involved party died from unknown injuries. It was reported CPD officer's cruisers did not physically engage with the involved party's vehicle. SA James Poole was assigned as the lead investigator.

SA Poole copied the CVS footage to a USB thumb drive and saved it within the physical case file. Please review the video footage in its entirety for specific details.

Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) reviewed the video and the following was noted within CPD Cruiser footage.

- Cruiser is seen catching up to a vehicle in front of it.
- When cruiser catches the vehicle, it can be identified as a silver Ford Taurus with license plate JNV 5161.
- Cruiser is seen pulling up to the left of the vehicle and then the vehicle takes off.
- Cruiser initiates lights and sirens.
- The vehicle continues at a high rate of speed running a stop sign causing the wheels to lift off the ground.
- The vehicle is then seen swerving at a high rate of speed navigating a curve in the roadway.
- When cr<u>uis</u>er **a** navigates the curve in the roadway, the vehicle is nowhere to be found.
- Cruiser continues a short while to look for the vehicle and then turns off its lights and sirens.

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• Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) reviewed the video and the following was noted within CPD Cruiser backseat footage.

- The camera angle is pointed directly at the back seat and does not show any relevant footage.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) reviewed the video and the following was noted within CPD Cruiser footage.

- Cruiser is seen catching up to cruiser
- When cruiser catches up, Cruiser is seen pulling up to the left of the vehicle (a silver Ford Taurus) and then the vehicle takes off.
- Cruiser and Cruiser initiates lights and sirens.
- The vehicle continues at a high rate of speed running a stop sign causing the wheels to lift off the ground.
- The vehicle is then seen swerving at a high rate of speed navigating a curve in the roadway.
- When cr<u>uiser</u> navigates the curve in <u>the</u> roadway, the vehicle is nowhere to be found.
- Cruiser continues to follow cruiser a short while to look for the vehicle and then turns off its lights and sirens.
- Audio is functioning and voices can be heard throughout the footage.

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References:

USB Thumbdrive - Black SanDisk Cruzer Glide 3

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