



**Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation**  
**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**



**12/12/2012 INTERVIEW OF MICHAEL MCNEELEY**

**Summary**

On Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Cleveland Police Officer Michael McNeeley arrived at 4055 Highlander Parkway in Richfield, Ohio, the BCI&I Richfield Northeast Regional Office for an interview. Also in attendance were Special Agent Jean-Philippe Rigaud, Attorney Patrick D'Angelo, Jeffery Follmer and Steve Kinas of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association.

**Details**

Michael McNeeley is currently employed by the Cleveland Police Department and is assigned to the Second District Community Services Unit. He has been with the Cleveland Police Department for 5 years and had served 4 years prior, with the United States Marine Corp. He has no specialized police training to his credit. McNeeley's Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission Certification is current and his last weapons qualification and use of force training was obtained at in-service training in November of 2012. McNeeley has been in one previous shooting incident at a Wendy's Restaurant where the suspect was injured and taken into custody.

McNeeley's shift begins at 6:00 PM and concludes at 2:00 AM, and he has rotating days off. Although he stated his daily supervision might rotate, he is primarily assigned to Sergeant Dailey. In addition to his regular duties with the Cleveland Police Department, McNeeley also works special traffic detail for the Cleveland Browns games. McNeeley stated his overall general health is good and he was not under the influence of any prescribed or non-prescribe medications, drugs or alcohol, either at the time of the interview or the time of the pursuit.

On November 29, 2012 McNeeley was wearing his Class B uniform that consisted of cargo pants and vest carrier. His duty belt contained his Glock Model 17 service weapon, two magazines, pepper spray, flash light, handcuffs, taser, baton, and portable radio. His duty magazines were full with 17 cartridges each and there is one cartridge in the barrel. McNeeley does not possess any personal recording devices.

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McNeeley was driving unmarked Cleveland Police Department 227, a Ford Crown Victoria which displays covert emergency lights, siren, mobile two way radio, and a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). This vehicle is absent an In-Car Camera and spotlight. McNeeley was patrolling as a one man unit.

McNeeley was in the area of 44th Street when he heard officer Nan, who is in his unit, broadcast that he had been shot at. McNeeley started towards I-90 to head downtown to assist. During his drive downtown, he heard Officer Siefer advised that they were behind the suspect vehicle on the Detroit-Superior Bridge. McNeeley changes direction and started towards that area. McNeeley believes that West 45th and Detroit Avenue was where he picked up the pursuit. At this time, McNeeley believes he was the second or third car behind the lead car in the pursuit. As the pursuit continued and other police vehicles joined the pursuit, McNeeley, fell back to approximately 10<sup>th</sup> in the pursuit.

As the pursuit approached Quigley Road, McNeeley hears either Hummel or Siefer broadcast that they had seen a gun and that the passenger was pointing it at them. In this same area he hears another officer advise that they saw a weapon in the pursued vehicle. For McNeeley, the pursuit up to the time they entered the school parking lot was uneventful.

As the pursuit enters the school lot, McNeeley is 7<sup>th</sup> in the pursuit. He remembers stopping his vehicle near the "mouth" of the parking lot. As he slows, he hears "shots fired" on the radio but does not see anyone shooting or hear the shots fired. McNeeley had to swerve to the left to avoid a collision with the pursued vehicle that was coming right at him. Once he got his vehicle turned around, he could hear the "volley" of shots being fired. He exited his vehicle and took cover behind the engine block of Officer Cruz and Gonzalez' vehicle (CPD244). During the shooting, McNeeley advised that he wasn't in a position to see much of anything, but did hear over the radio something about officers needing to watch their crossfire.

McNeeley advised that he was only able to make out shadows of the occupants as they drove past him. He had assumed from the early radio traffic that both occupants were black males. He had not recognized the names and, to the best of his recollection, had never had dealings with either one in the past.

When asked about the overall atmosphere of the scene, McNeeley advised that after the chase, he walked over to make sure Cruz and Gonzalez were alright. By this time, the officers were being "mustered" in the playground area where Sergeant Coleman was checking on each of the officers. He stated he could see the occupants of the pursued vehicle but he never got any closer to the vehicle than approximately 30 feet. McNeeley stated that the scene was very quiet as he believed there was a sense of shock between the officers.

McNeeley stated he contacted Officers Brelo and Moore in the following days to check on their wellbeing and to see how they were holding up. He further stated that he believed the actions he took and the actions of those officers around him were consistent with the training they have received from the Cleveland Police Department.

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McNeely called his girlfriend from the scene and received a call from another officer who was making sure he was alright and safe. He denies taking any pictures while on scene with his cellular telephone.

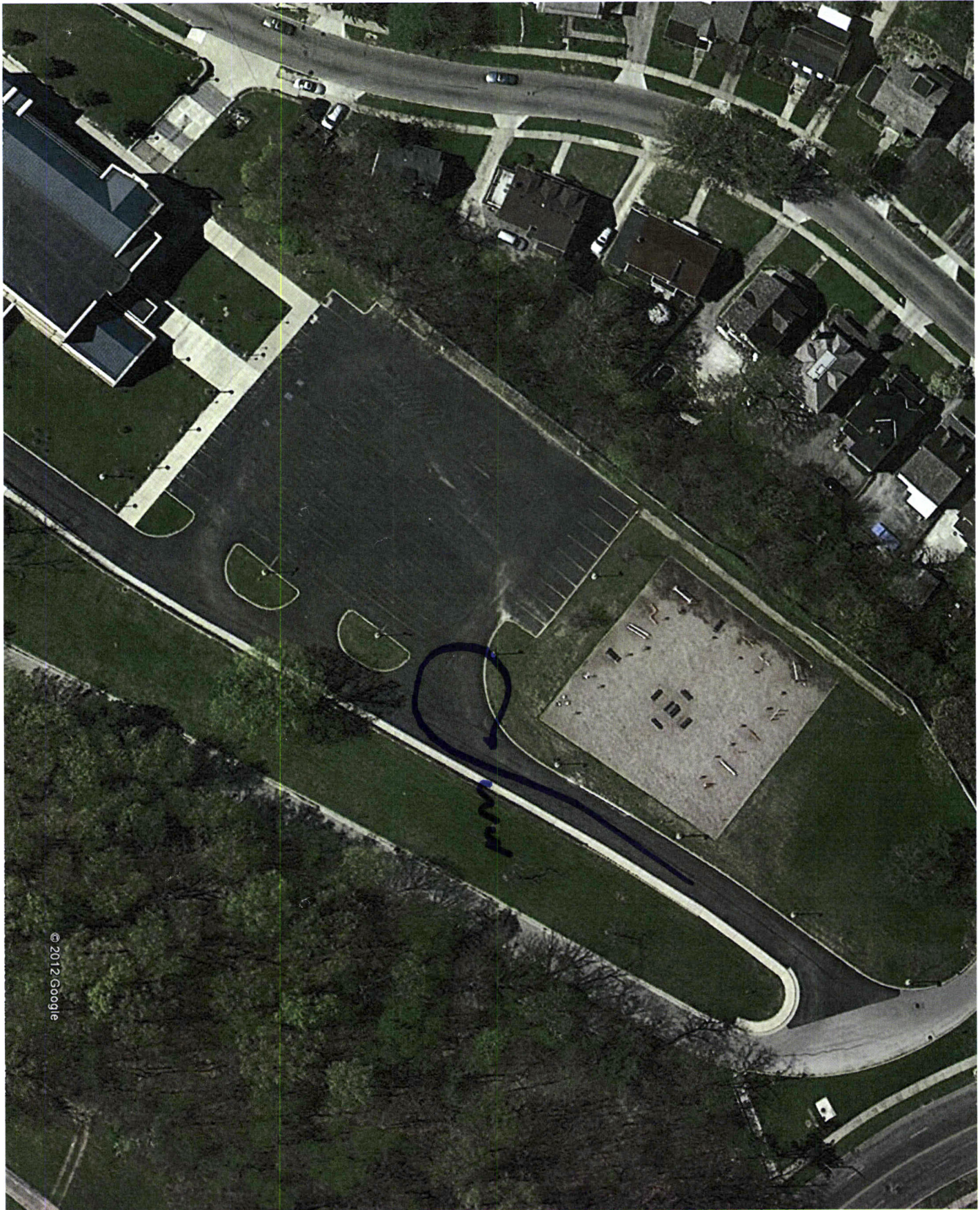
McNeeley was provided overhead aerial photographs to document his location during the final minutes of the pursuit.

This interview was audio/video recorded and placed in the file as Exhibit #68.

**Subject Information**

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S/V/W: Witness  
CCH: None







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