



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/12/2012 INTERVIEW OF ROBERT RADOSEVIC

Summary

On Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Cleveland Police Officer Robert Radosevic arrived at 4055 Highlander Parkway in Richfield, Ohio, the BCI&I Richfield Northeast Regional Office for an interview. Also in attendance were Sergeant James Ruth, Attorney Patrick D'Angelo, Jeffery Follmer and Steve Kinas of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association.

Details

Robert Radosevic is currently employed by the Cleveland Police Department and is assigned as a Second District Basic Patrol Unit. He has been with the Cleveland Police Department for 7 months. While employed in Bedford Heights, Radosevic took Mountain Bike Training. He has no other specialized police training or Military experience to his credit. Radosevic'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 May of 2012.

Radosevic is part of C Platoon, and he has rotating days off. Lieutenant Socha supervises Radosevic. He has had Lasix surgery to correct his vision, and stated his overall general health is good. He was not under the influence of any prescribed or non-prescribed medications, drugs or alcohol, either at the time of the interview or the time of the pursuit.

On November 29, 2012 Radosevic was wearing his Class B uniform. His duty belt contained his Glock 17 service weapon, magazines, taser, baton, pepper spray, handcuffs and radio. Radosevic does not possess any personal recording devices.

Radosevic was the driver in marked Cleveland Police Department 238, which displays overhead emergency lights, a spotlight, siren, and mobile two way radio. This vehicle is absent an In-Car Camera and a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). Scott Sitek is Radosevic's partner and was on duty the night of the pursuit.

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On the night of the pursuit, Radosevic and Sistek were considered an extra car so they were not confined to any specific location in the district. As they were patrolling in the old Brooklyn area, they heard the radio broadcast from downtown of "shots fired" near St. Clair, and started for the downtown area. After turning and heading back south, Radosevic and Sistek were stopped at West 44th and Clark as the pursued vehicle passed in front of them. Radosevic turned east on Clark and was approximately four or five cars back from the lead vehicle.

The pursuit continued down Clark to Quigley Road where Radosevic thought the pursuit might end. He stated he heard the lead pursuit vehicle broadcast that "the passenger is pointing a gun behind." Radosevic advised that he witnessed the passenger in the pursued vehicle "full faced, knit hat, and pointing a gun behind them." As his partner is calling information out, Radosevic states he is weaving to miss what he believed was the passenger getting ready to shoot at them. As they approached the roundabout at West 14th and Clark, the passenger was still facing backwards toward the pursuing officers.

According to Radosevic, the pursuit continued north on West 14th until the pursued vehicle merged on to I-90. As they approached "Dead Man's Curve" the lead vehicle backed off a bit to keep from hitting anyone, "I think we took Dead Man's at 70. I was taxing the vehicle at that point." At one point in the pursuit, speeds reached 125 miles per hour. Radosevic stated the lead pursuit vehicle was able to catch up and retake the lead. As the pursuit continued, Radosevic and Sistek fell back in the procession as other zone cars passed them. At one point, Radosevic believed a zone car had hit the back of the pursued vehicle because there was a large amount of dust that was being kicked up.

The lead vehicle broadcast that the pursuit was entering the Wastewater plant and wanted someone to block off the entrance. The terrain sloped towards the school and Radosevic thought the suspects in the pursued vehicle would "bail" and start running. Radosevic pulled his vehicle over to the left close to the curbs and Sistek got out of the vehicle. They begin to hear radio transmissions of "shots fired." To Radosevic's surprise, the pursued vehicle rounded the parked police vehicle and within a couple of seconds struck his vehicle.

As Radosevic exited his vehicle he was drawing his weapon. As his vehicle door was shutting he began to hear shots "ring out". He dropped down behind the vehicle trying to keep the window and hood support in line between him and the suspect in the pursued vehicle in line. At one point he could see someone scrambling off to his right. He tried to get up to see what was happening when another officer approached from behind and told Radosevic to keep his head down. Once Radosevic was able to get up he observed officers closing in to check on the vehicles passengers. Other officers were checking to make sure which officers were injured.

Radosevic advised that he observed three shots that were in the windshield of his vehicle that weren't there prior to his arrival on scene. Additionally he observed holes in CPD 217. "All's I know is that there was a bunch of gun fire and I thought I was taking it" he stated. Radosevic advised that he never saw a weapon only the passenger's movements that lead him to believe they had a weapon. He also stated that he never witnessed anything being thrown from the pursued vehicle.

It wouldn't be until Saturday afternoon when Radosevic was made aware that the passenger in the pursued vehicle was female. That information he obtained via the Cleveland News. He also advised that he had never had any prior dealings with either the driver or the passenger.

After the scene became secured, Radosevic advised that not much was said other than officers were walking around checking to make sure everyone was okay. He remembers someone calling for EMS and that he was thankful, given his close proximity to the shooting, that he was not injured. In the following days, Radosevic had general conversations about the pursuit with fellow officers, and has been careful of what he mentions to his family members as they are not fully supportive of his choice of careers. He also believed that his actions and the actions of those around him were consistent with the training they have all received from the Cleveland Police Department.

Radosevic advised that he did not use his cellular telephone to call, text, or take pictures while he was on scene. He did state that other officers were utilizing their cellular telephones to call their families.

He was provided overhead aerial photographs to document his location during the final minutes of the pursuit which is attached to this report.

This interview of audio/video recorded and added to this file as Exhibit #57.

Radosevic Interview

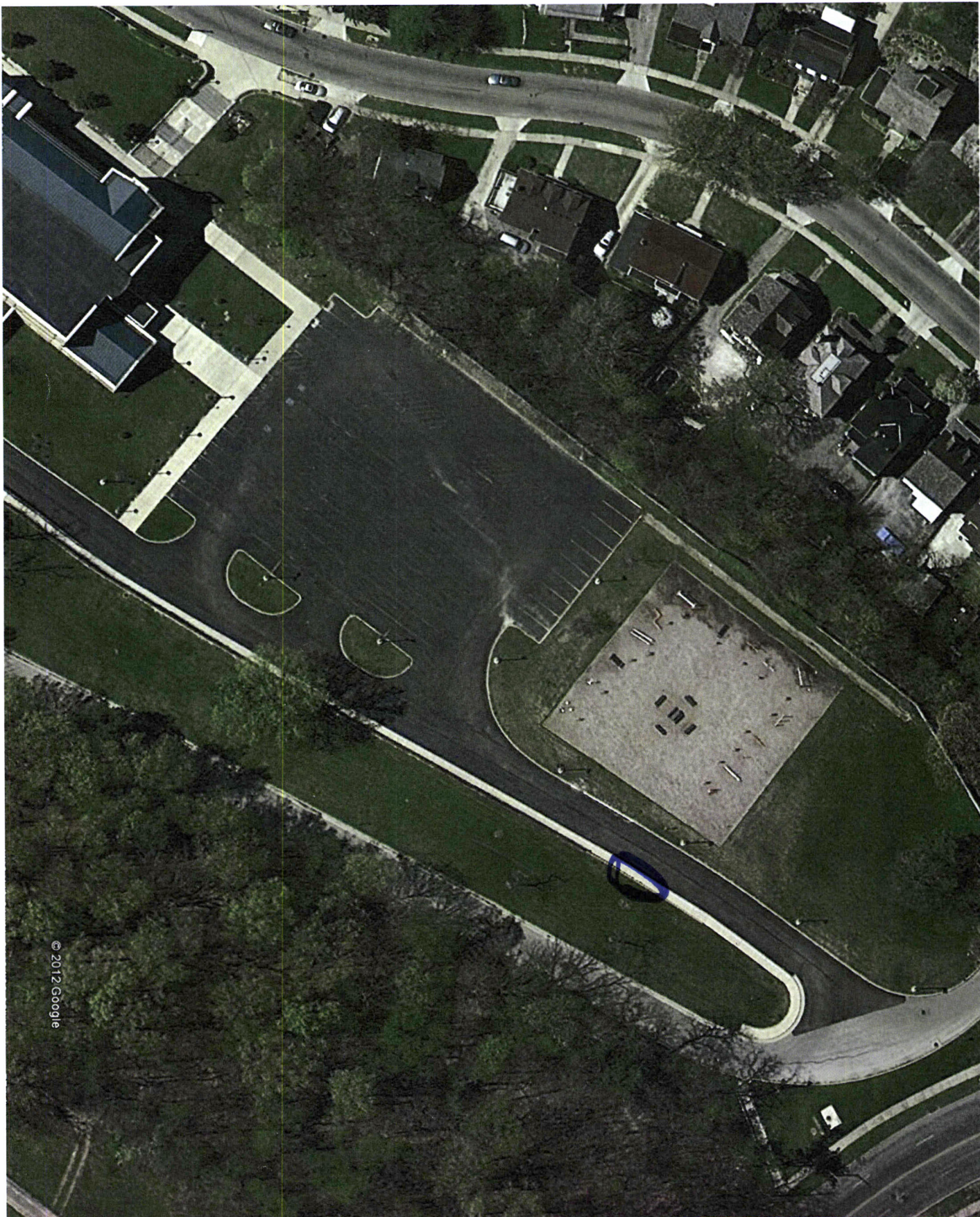
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