



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/21/2012 INTERVIEW OF OFFICER IRVING TORRES

Summary

The Cleveland Police Officers involved in the shooting on November 29, 2012 were interviewed at the BCI Richfield Offices. Also present with the officer was Attorney Patrick D'Angelo along with Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association Vice President Steve Kinas representing the union. The interview was conducted by Ohio BCI Special Agent Scott Stranahan and Special Agent Thomas Verhiley.

Patrol Officer Irving Torres was not advised of his "Miranda Rights" during the interview; however, he agreed to cooperate in this investigation.

The interview was video recorded and submitted to the case file as Exhibit #85.

Details

Torres was asked how he was he was holding up. Torres responded that he was good.

Torres is currently assigned as a basic uniformed patrol officer in the 2nd District, C Platoon, call sign 2B32 and he is a 12-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department. In the last week of November, Torres was working third, 2130 hours to 0730 hours with Friday, Saturday Sunday, and Monday off. Torres was dressed in a Cleveland Police Department uniform with an external vest with a duty belt. Torres's supervisor was Sergeant Martinez.

Torres does not work any part-time jobs. On Thursday, November 29, 2012, Torres said he felt good and no issues. Torres takes no prescription medications and wears corrective lenses.

Torres was assigned the driver of their 2nd District patrol vehicle, partner Jeffrey Ivancic. This is a partially marked Cleveland Police Vehicle, with no dashboard camera. All equipment was in good working order. Torres was never involved in any shootings.

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Case Agent: Mark Kollar	Authoring Agent: Verhiley, T. #76 <i>TV</i>
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Earlier in the shift, Torres and his partner, Ivancic, were on routine patrol in the 2nd District, Cleveland, Ohio. Torres and his partner were dispatched to a Code 1 radio call on West 50th Street. While Torres and his partner were handling their call, they heard an officer call out a vehicle pursuit. The only thing Torres remembers about the initial broadcast was the pursuit was near the Justice Center and shots were fired. While Torres was handling their assigned call, they heard the vehicle pursuit was westbound on Detroit from West 25th Street. Torres and his partner finished the call and remained on channel 2 so they could monitor the pursuit, which was in the area of the Steelyard Commons. Torres said they went to Lorain Road to assist and at this time the vehicle pursuit was eastbound Interstate 90 near downtown. Torres remembers hearing Officer Siefer broadcast the suspect's vehicle lost a tire in the area of Dead Man's Curve. Torres also heard an officer broadcast, "Looks like their loading a gun." Torres said they continued across the Lorain Carnegie Bridge and continued eastbound. Torres said they traveled to the area of East 71st Street and assisted in the end of pursuit. Torres is not familiar with the area; however, he believes they were eastbound on Euclid Avenue.

Torres stated they continued to follow in the direction of the pursuit, eastbound Euclid Avenue with lights and sirens activated. Torres observed several Cleveland Police vehicles in the pursuit, and blocking various intersections along the pursuit route. At no time did Torres see the suspect's vehicle during the pursuit. Also, Torres did not hear the suspect's vehicle backfire during the pursuit.

Torres said while they were eastbound on Euclid Avenue, they passed Wymore Avenue, so they made a U-turn on Euclid and then turned on Wymore Avenue, when he heard an officer broadcast, "Shots Fired," over channel 2. Torres did not recognize any of the officers broadcasting over the police radio at this time. Torres stated the entire street of Wymore Avenue was blocked with police cars, so they parked and exited their vehicle. Torres was not sure who was shooting and he was concerned about the safety of the other officers. Torres walked near the suspect's vehicle, at the parking lot curb and looked in at the suspects in the vehicle. Torres did not touch anything, take photographs, or speak to anyone about the incident that just occurred.

At this time, crime scene tape was being affixed to the outer perimeter of the scene. Once Torres determined the suspects were all accounted for and they were safe, he and his partner departed the scene and went back to their vehicle. Torres said they were blocked in and they had to wait for the other vehicle to move so they could go back to the 2nd District. Torres did not submit any police reports in reference to his involvement in the pursuit or officer involved shooting.

Subject Information

Name: Irving Torres
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Employment: Cleveland Police Department
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SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: Male

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Race: Hispanic

Height: 5'-08"

Weight: 250 lbs

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

S/V/W: W

CCH: No
