



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



**12/21/2012 INTERVIEW OF OFFICER SCOTT ALDRIDGE**

**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. The interview was conducted by Ohio BCI Special Agent Scott Stranahan and Special Agent Thomas Verhiley.

Patrol Officer Scott A. Aldridge 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 #84.

**Details**

Aldridge was asked how he was he was holding up and he said, "Just fine."

Aldridge is currently assigned as a basic uniformed patrol officer in C-Platoon the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, call sign 3A32 and is a five-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department. In the last week of November, Aldridge was working third shift, 2030 hours to 0630 hours with Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday off. Aldridge was dressed in a Cleveland Police Department uniform with an external bullet resistant vest with a duty belt with all of the department issued equipment including a Taser. Aldridge's direct supervisors were Sergeant Edens and Lieutenant Wilson.

Aldridge works a part-time job on Tuesdays and Fridays at a bank on East 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Harvard. On Thursday, November 29, 2012, Aldridge said he felt good and no issues. Aldridge takes no prescription medication and does not wear corrective glasses.

Aldridge was the driver of unit 312, partner Roland Brown. This is a fully marked Cleveland Police Vehicle, with no dashboard camera. All equipment was in good working order.

Aldridge was never involved in any shootings prior to Thursday, November 29, 2012.

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<b>Investigative Activity: Interview of Ofc. Scott Aldridge</b>	<b>Supervisor Approval: Dennis Sweet</b> <i>[Signature]</i> JAN 14 2013

Earlier in the shift, Aldridge and his partner, Roland Brown, were at the Justice Center dropping off a prisoner en route to South Marginal to obtain gasoline. Aldridge said as they were at the gas pumps at South Marginal, they initially heard the pursuit on channel 3. Aldridge switched the handheld radio to channel 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> District) so they could monitor the pursuit. Aldridge's vehicle police radio remained on channel 3 so they could monitor the radio traffic in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. Aldridge said the pursuit started near the Justice Center and he heard the broadcast that the suspects fired at the officers. Aldridge said he heard the pursuit travel westbound into the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Aldridge was advised via the police radio the vehicle pursuit was eastbound near downtown Cleveland on eastbound Interstate 90. Aldridge said when he heard the pursuit go from Dead Man's Curve to Eastbound on I-90 they went to the area of East 55<sup>th</sup> Street and Superior Avenue. Aldridge heard the suspect's vehicle exited I-90 at possibly East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. Aldridge said they attempted to remain in the vicinity of the pursuit; however, they never engaged in the pursuit at any time.

Aldridge said during the pursuit, he heard an officer broadcast something about "Shots fired" and something about the suspects "Pointing a gun." Aldridge said at one point he observed the long line of police vehicles in the pursuit; however, he never saw the suspect's vehicle. Aldridge never heard shots being fired or the vehicle backfire.

Aldridge heard the pursuit in the area of eastbound Euclid Avenue and Wymore, so they continued driving eastbound on Euclid Avenue.

Aldridge heard one of the pursuing officers say they were in a waste water treatment facility so they followed the vehicle southbound on Wymore Avenue from Euclid Avenue. Aldridge then heard an officer broadcast, "Shots Fired," over channel 2. Aldridge did not recognize any of the officers broadcasting over the police radio. Aldridge stated Wymore Avenue was entirely blocked with police cars, so they parked and exited their vehicle. Aldridge said as they were exiting their vehicle, he did not hear any gun fire at this point. Aldridge wasn't exactly sure where the pursuit had ended. Aldridge was not sure if it was the suspects shooting at the officers or officers shooting at the suspects. Aldridge was greatly concerned about the other officers' safety so they made their way to the scene via the wooded area adjacent to Terrace Road. When Aldridge and his partner, Brown, arrived he walked near the suspect's vehicle. Aldridge did not touch anything, take photographs, or speak to anyone about the incident that just occurred. His main concern was the other officers. At this time, he and Officer Brown assisted in placing crime scene tape to the outer perimeter of the scene. Aldridge was advised by Sergeant Bickerstaff to obtain a crime scene log of all of the officers involved. After approximately thirty minutes to an hour, Aldridge provided Sergeant Bickerstaff with the aforementioned crime scene log. At this time Aldridge and his partner were relieved of their duty and departed the scene and returned back into service and handle their radio calls.



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**Subject Information**

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Sex: Male  
Race: Black  
Height: 5'-02"  
Weight: 240 lbs  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown  
S/V/W: W  
CCH: No

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