



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



2024-1473

Officer Involved Critical Incident – Intersection of Georgesville Rd and Clime Road, Columbus.

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: ██████████ (S)
Date of Activity: 05/29/2024
Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On May 29, 2024 at approximately 1006 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Craig Call (SA Call) and Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement (Attachment # 02) from Franklin Township Police Department (FTP) ██████████ regarding the shooting incident involving several law enforcement officers from three law enforcement agencies and Hamsa Yusuf Ali (Ali) that occurred on May 12, 2024, at the intersection of Georgesville Road and Clime Road in Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Ali was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with ██████████ took place at his attorney’s office and his attorney, Kate Harshman, was present. ██████████ signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form (Attachment # 03) affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. Prior to meeting with agents, ██████████ and his attorney prepared a typed statement which ██████████ signed in front of agents affirming that would be his official statement regarding this incident. That statement (Attachment # 01) is attached to this report and available for review. The following is a summation of the contact with ██████████ and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. *(It should be noted that during the interview, Ali was referred to as “suspect” by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident.)*

EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENT

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on
06/03/2024

station when a Columbus Police Department (CPD) Wagon came south on 62 and turned right (west) onto Clime Road. [REDACTED] was following the wagon in his cruiser. Officer [REDACTED] told me to follow and he activated our lights and sirens.

We continued west on Clime Road until we got near the intersection of Clime and Georgesville Road. I was unsure where the CPD Wagon had gone, but [REDACTED] stopped in the middle of the intersection after beginning to turn south on Georgesville Rd. His cruiser, Cruiser [REDACTED], was facing southwest. My cruiser was directly behind him more on Clime Rd than on Georgesville Road. At the time, I remember a civilian car that appeared to have made contact with [REDACTED]'s cruiser. I believed at the time that the front of his cruiser was at the back of the civilian vehicle. I could also see a light bar from a CPD vehicle in the northbound lane of Georgesville Road behind the civilian vehicle south/southwest of my location.

As I exited the driver's side of the cruiser, I could hear gunfire. I saw a male black in dark clothing running near the Georgesville southern crosswalk firing south towards the CPD cruiser I had seen. I was standing just north of the southeast corner of the intersection and [REDACTED] was to my right and slightly in front of me (southwest). The suspect was running to the east up and over the curb of Georgesville Road onto an elevated grassy area towards an empty parking lot. I drew my weapon. The suspect continued to fire in the directions of the CPD cruiser (south then southwest). I remember hearing at least 5 or 6 shots that I believe came from the suspect. I saw the gun in the suspect's right hand and could see the gun recoil as he shot. I knew other officers were firing and I saw [REDACTED] fire several times. I waited until the suspect was over the curb of the Georgesville to start firing so that I would not shoot in the direction of [REDACTED] or the CPD cruiser. When the suspect began to run east up the grassy incline with his right arm pointed to his right/back still firing at the cruiser and my backdrop was clear, I fired at the suspect until he fell to the ground. I believed at the time that I had fired 4-5 times. I know I heard [REDACTED] fire at least once with his rifle.

[REDACTED], and I began to approach the suspect with our weapons drawn and ordered him to put up his hands. The suspect was not responding. We approached and I helped roll the suspect onto his stomach and we cuffed him with his hands behind his back. His breathing was labored. He was rolled to his back and officers began putting pressure on the suspect's multiple gunshot wounds. I applied pressure to a wound on the right side of his abdomen. The suspect appeared to stop breathing and [REDACTED] began chest compressions. Other officers took over until medics arrived."

"When I fired, I did not believe that I had any other reasonable alternative other than to fire to protect the CPD officers from imminent danger of death or severe bodily harm as the suspect was actively firing in their direction. I also did not believe I had any other alternative other than to fire to protect the Franklin Township officers or myself, who could have also been harmed or killed if the suspect decided to turn his fire towards us."

"I now know the suspect's name was Ali Hamsa Yusuf. I do not remember having any prior interactions with the suspect personal or professional."

"Upon review of the video of the incident, I now know that the CPD wagon I had initially been following to the scene was behind the CPD cruiser that was being fired upon by the suspect. I now know that [REDACTED] cruiser was nose to nose with the suspect's white sedan and not

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FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

Agents asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving ██████████'s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

██████████ was asked if he remembered any specifics about the original dispatch about assisting another agency. ██████████ explained he did not remember exactly what was aired because he was in his ██████████ and relied upon his Field Training Officer (FTO), ██████████ ██████████, who was monitoring the radio traffic to decide what action they would take, which was to follow FTPD ██████████ who was responding with a Columbus Division of Police (CPD) cruiser. ██████████ explained he was also just getting used to Franklin County Sheriff's Office's (FCSO's) style of radio traffic at the time and relied upon ██████████ to help explain what was being relayed and that the dispatchers sounded different from what he was used to at another agency. ██████████ clarified that the cruiser radio was set on FCSO West channel and ██████████ had an extra portable radio that was monitoring CPD's radio channel for that area.

██████████ was asked if he could tell what type of firearm Ali was shooting during the encounter and he confirmed he observed Ali discharging a pistol and could see the muzzle flashes each time Ali fired the pistol. ██████████ described observing Ali running east with the hand holding the pistol extended behind him while firing at the officers.

██████████ was asked about a detail in his statement regarding hearing ██████████ fire a rifle at least once and asked how he knew it was ██████████ explained that he last observed ██████████ to his east and he was the only officer in that area, and he knew ██████████ retrieved the patrol rifle from the cruiser before exiting the cruiser.

██████████ utilized agent provided overhead photographs of the intersection and scene scan (Attachments # 04 & # 05) to mark where he believed he was at when he discharged his firearm, where he believed Ali was located, and where he believed any other officers were located during the encounter.

██████████ was asked if he ever observed any actions from Ali that were consistent with him trying to surrender to law enforcement and he answered "No. Cause he continuously fired until he went to the ground. And he even, still had his hand on the firearm when we approached him as well."

██████████ wasn't familiar with the patrol rifle policies at FTPD because he was still in his ██████████ and the rifle instructor wasn't available to train and qualify him on the rifle at that time in his training.

██████████ didn't provide any additional information.

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Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: FTPD [REDACTED] Signed Statement
- Attachment # 02: FTPD [REDACTED] Interview
- Attachment # 03: FTPD [REDACTED] CIN
- Attachment # 04: FTPD [REDACTED] Visual exhibit A
- Attachment # 05: FTPD [REDACTED] Visual exhibit B

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

This statement is regarding my involvement in an officer involved shooting that occurred on Sunday, May 12, 2024, between 6:00 and 6:30pm.

I was sworn in by the Franklin Township Police Department on [REDACTED]. My first day working was [REDACTED]. I previously worked for Ashville Police Department for approximately two and a half years prior to Franklin Township. I am not a veteran nor am I a member of the armed forces. My regular assignment is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] I am currently [REDACTED]. On Sunday, May 14, 2024, I was working my [REDACTED] with my [REDACTED] in the passenger seat.

At the time of this incident, I was dressed in the patrol uniform of the day. I wear an external carrier which identifies me as a police officer. I was armed with a department-issued Smith and Wesson MMP 9mm with standard department-issued ammunition. My weapon did not have a gun light. I am current in my range qualifications with my sidearm. I was not carrying any backup weapons.

I am right-hand dominant. I was in good health at the time of this incident. I was not taking any medication that would in any way affect my ability to carry out my responsibilities and duties as a police officer. I had not consumed alcohol or drugs in the twenty-four (24) hour time period prior to this incident. I had not worked special duty for the twenty-four (24) hour time period prior to the incident. I had plenty of sleep prior to my shift. I was not under any unusual stress. I do not wear a hearing aid, nor do I have any problems with my hearing. I do wear glasses, which adequately correct my vision, and I was wearing my glasses at the time of the incident.

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[REDACTED] and I began to approach the suspect with our weapons drawn and ordered him to put up his hands. The suspect was not responding. We approached and I helped roll the suspect onto his stomach and we cuffed him with his hands behind his back. His breathing was labored. He was rolled to his back and officers began putting pressure on the suspect's multiple gunshot wounds. I applied pressure to a wound on the right side of his abdomen. The suspect appeared to stop breathing and [REDACTED] began chest compressions. Other officers took over until medics arrived.

I was told to turn off my body worn camera and I had no further involvement with the incident. I went back to the Police Department to wait for my FOP representation.

I now know that I fired nine (9) times. I fired using two hands from a standing position. I am not sure if I used my sights. I was approximately 15-25 feet from the suspect when I fired. I did not fire from cover. I fired in a south/southeast direction towards the suspect's center of mass as he was running east with his gun pointed back in the direction of CPD officers (southwest). At the time I fired, the suspect was actively shooting at CPD officers south/southwest of my location. I could see the recoil of the weapon as he fired. My backdrop was the hill up which the suspect was running up and the empty lot behind. I waited to fire until the suspect had moved to the east enough that I would not be firing toward [REDACTED] or the CPD cruiser. I did not see any civilians

or officers in my line of fire. I saw [REDACTED] fire several times and heard other officers firing. I heard [REDACTED] fire his rifle to my left at least once.

I stopped firing when the suspect dropped to the ground and was no longer moving. The time between my cruiser parking at the scene and the suspect falling to the ground was approximately 30 seconds. There was no opportunity to use a taser or other less than deadly methods, as the suspect was engaged in deadly force and I did not have the time, cover, or distance necessary to effectively deploy other weapons.

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This statement consists of four (4) pages.

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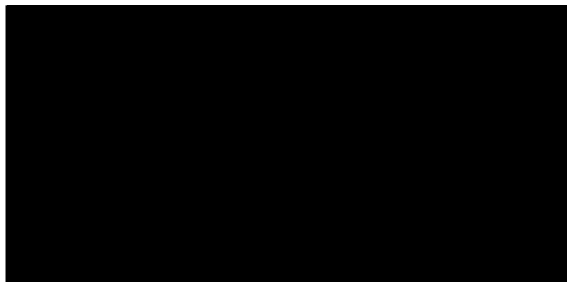


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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).



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