



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4738 McAllister Ave. Columbus

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: ██████████ ██████
Date of Activity: 05/29/2024
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On May 29, 2023 at approximately 1203 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and Craig Call (SA Call) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) ██████████ regarding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred on May 11, 2024, near 4738 McAllister Avenue in Columbus, OH. On May 11, 2024, CPD officers were called to a domestic disturbance involving an armed individual who had allegedly discharged a firearm, when they became involved in an encounter with Corey Roach (Roach). During the encounter, responding CPD officers were fired upon by Roach, and ██████████ discharged his firearm in response. Roach was transported to Mount Carmel Hospital (Mt. Carmel) with alleged gunshot wounds, where he was pronounced deceased. No CPD officers were injured during this incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by ██████████. Also present for the interview was ██████████ Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) designated legal counsel, Nicole Wannemacher.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Prior to beginning the interview, SA Douglass provided ██████████ with a BCI "Criminal Investigation Notification" form. SA Douglass advised BCI was conducting a criminal investigation separate from any internal investigation that CPD may be conducting. ██████████ was advised his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering questions at any time. ██████████ verbally confirmed he understood the contents of the form and signed the document, acknowledging his understanding. A copy of the signed Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) is attached to this report.

FOP legal counsel Nicole Wannemacher provided SA Douglass with a written statement from ██████████ regarding the OICI. SA Douglass provided ██████████ with a printed map of the location of the OICI scene to reference throughout the interview. ██████████ was asked to read aloud his written statement, and then signed his statement provided to BCI, and

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verified the statement was a true and accurate depiction of the OICI incident. Please refer to [REDACTED] statement for further details. Copies of the signed written statement and the scene reference map were saved within the case file and are attached to this report.

[REDACTED] wrote in his statement, "Immediately before this incident, Officer [REDACTED] and I were on routine patrol when the radio tone went out and radio advised that there was a male black in white shirt and gray hoodie outside shooting and that someone may be shot. Radio further advised that the location was 4738 McAllister Avenue. Officer [REDACTED] was driving and I put the address into my phone to get directions since 14 precinct is not my regular assignment. We activated the cruiser emergency lights and sirens and immediately began driving to the location. I believe within a few seconds of the alert tone, radio advised that this may be a possible domestic incident. As Officer [REDACTED] was driving, I was relaying the information that was coming over the MDT (mobile digital terminal) from the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system. There were multiple calls coming in regarding this incident. I relayed the updated information to Officer [REDACTED] as it came across the MDT. I believe one of the callers reported that someone was shooting towards them and dispatch noted that they could hear gunshots in the background. Another caller stated that the suspect was a male black with dreadlocks in a brown shirt and that he ran eastbound on Lockwood and another caller indicated that the suspect went back into the house. Given the two differing suspect descriptions: white shirt/gray hoodie and brown shirt, I thought that we potentially had two suspects. As I was reading the additional information, I was also giving Officer [REDACTED] directions to the location."

[REDACTED] also wrote in his statement, "We turned left (south) from E. Main Street onto Shady Lane Road. I told Officer [REDACTED] that 4738 McAllister was going to be the first house on our left once he turned onto McAllister Avenue. Due to the nature of the call, as well as the multiple calls, I drew my weapon as we were approaching McAllister Avenue. Officer [REDACTED] parked the cruiser across the street from 4738 McAllister Avenue. We exited the cruiser and walked across the street. I had my firearm in the "high-ready" position, as the information that came over the radio indicated we potentially had two suspects who were firing weapons. 4738 McAllister Avenue is a single-story green house. There was a male black in a white shirt standing outside of the house. He initially caught my attention as the original description had listed a male black in a white shirt as the suspect. However, he was looking and pointing to the east and I asked him where's it at. I believe he replied in the car or words to that effect. I saw a gray Civic, with dark tinted windows, parked in the middle of Lockwood Road. Officer [REDACTED] and I walked northeast towards Lockwood Road. He was several feet ahead of me. Suddenly, I heard a gunshot and saw a puff of smoke at the front of the Civic. I saw the driver's side door of the Civic open and the suspect's legs come out of the car to the ground. As his legs came down, I saw what appeared to be a rifle in between his legs. I yelled "put your hands up!" while leveling my firearm at him. He raised and fired his rifle while I simultaneously fired my weapon and yelled "gun, gun, gun!" I fired my weapon while retreating west. I aired "shots fired; he's got a rifle!" I took a position behind the rear corner of a parked SUV. I then saw the suspect advancing toward us and firing his rifle. I returned fire and I retreated further west, as did Officer [REDACTED] I went across Shady Lane Road and aired that I was across the street. I was not sure how many rounds I had fired, so I re-loaded my weapon. I did not see Officer [REDACTED], as there were a lot of trees and cars in the area. I yelled out to make sure he was not hit and he responded and asked if I was good. I aired that suspect description: a male black,

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gray Civic with tinted windows and that I thought he was wearing a black jacket. Then S-14 aired that he was with the car and had a male with a rifle down."

██████████ also wrote in his statement, "I believe I fired nine (9) rounds at the suspect. During the incident, I did not know how many rounds I fired but I believe it was nine (9) based on the round count after the incident. I did not fire any additional rounds after I re-loaded my weapon. When we first arrived on scene and I heard the gunshot, I did not initially see the suspect and continued advancing northeast towards the area the neighbor indicated the suspect was located. It was a second later that I saw him emerge from the vehicle with the rifle and fire at us. That is the first time that I fired at him and I believe I was approximately 50-65 feet from him. I believe I fired from a standing position while retreating east to try and obtain some cover. I do not know how many shots I fired at that time. I took a position behind a CRV parked in the driveway of 4738 McAllister Avenue. Initially, I could not see the suspect and then I heard a gunshot and saw him advancing west towards us while firing his rifle. I fired my weapon from a standing position at the rear of that CRV while trying to utilize it as cover/concealment. I believe I was approximately 65-75 feet from the suspect. I fired with a two-handed grip and I do not recall if I used my sights. The direction of my shots was northeast to east. My backdrop was the suspect's car. My target was center mass. I stopped firing because I could no longer see the suspect. I retreated across the street to wait for additional officers with rifles to arrive as the body armor I was wearing would not stop a rifle round and Officer ██████████ and I could not match the firepower of his rifle with our service weapons."

██████████ also wrote in his statement, "At the time I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life as well as the life of Officer ██████████ and the civilians in the area. Prior to our arrival there had been multiple phone calls that he was shooting a weapon and that there was a possible domestic. Immediately before I fired my weapon, the suspect had just fired at us. I believe he fired the first shot while still in the Civic so I am not sure if that round was fired at us but once he exited the Civic, he was firing at us. I believe he was trying to seriously injure or kill us. I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life, the life of Officer ██████████ or the lives of the civilians in the area from the suspect's deadly actions at the time I fired my weapon. This entire incident happened in a matter of seconds. From the time we arrived on scene and walked across McAllister Avenue until the time the last round was fired was approximately twenty (20) seconds. The suspect fired the first round from inside the car before I even knew where he was located. I did not have time to attempt any de-escalation techniques."

SA Douglass and SA Call asked ██████████ several follow-up questions and had him confirm where and when he fired his weapon based on the printed map of the location of the shooting incident.

██████████ confirmed he was working overtime in the 14th precinct on the date of the OICI. ██████████ explained he was not as familiar with the 14th precinct because it was not his regular assignment, but confirmed Officer ██████████ is assigned to the 14th Precinct and was more familiar with the streets and geography there. ██████████ reported he has worked with Officer ██████████ before.

██████████ recalled Roach firing his weapon at least two separate times, possibly three times. The last time he observed Roach firing his weapon, ██████████ stated Roach

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pointed his rifle in their direction [REDACTED] as he was firing. [REDACTED] reported Roach initially shooting at them from near the Honda Civic which was parked on Lockwood Avenue, and then advancing towards them in a southwestern direction on or near the sidewalk of the eastern side of 4738 McAllister Avenue.

[REDACTED] believed when he initially fired his duty weapon, he fired six (6) rounds with a one-handed grip as he was retreating away from Roach. [REDACTED] confirmed he fired his weapon a second time and fired three (3) additional rounds. [REDACTED] reported he fired a total of nine (9) rounds. [REDACTED] said was not aware he had struck Roach until after he returned to the area of the shooting incident when Roach was down on the ground and appeared to be injured. [REDACTED] later explained after he and Officer [REDACTED] had retreated, he believed Roach was still an active threat and may have been pursuing them.

At the time of the incident, [REDACTED] believed Officer [REDACTED] had also fired his weapon because he was hearing "so many gunshots" and assumed Officer [REDACTED] had returned fire towards Roach as well. [REDACTED] stated he has since learned that Officer [REDACTED] did not fire his weapon during the incident.

[REDACTED] was not aware of the female victim, Nicole Pleasant (Pleasant), at 1083 Lockwood Road until after the shooting incident had concluded. [REDACTED] did not recall having any previous interactions with Pleasant prior to the date of the OICI.

[REDACTED] answers to follow-up questions from BCI appeared to be consistent with his written statement.

Interview concluded at approximately 1228 hours.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: Interview Audio – CPD [REDACTED] 05.29.24
- Attachment # 02: CIN – [REDACTED]
- Attachment # 03: [REDACTED] Written Statement (signed)
- Attachment # 04: Google Maps – 4738 McAllister Ave

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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).

[Redacted]
Printed Name of Interviewee

5/29/24 12:06p
Date / Time

[Redacted]
Signature of interviewee

Kyle Douglass
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature]
BCI Agent (Signature)

[Signature]

STATEMENT OF OFFICER [REDACTED]

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Saturday, May 11, 2024, between approximately 7:10 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. in the area of McAllister Avenue and Lockwood Road, Columbus, Ohio. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire with the Columbus Division of Police (CPD or the Division) is

[REDACTED] My regular assignment is [REDACTED] My regular duty hours are [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] My regular days off are [REDACTED] However, the week of this incident my days off were [REDACTED] as they had to be moved due to in-service training. On the day of this incident, I was working an overtime assignment on my second day off. I do not have any prior law enforcement experience. I do not have any [REDACTED] I do not currently [REDACTED]

I was wearing the CPD patrol uniform consisting of navy pants and short sleeved shirt that has CPD patches on both shoulders. I was also wearing an external ballistic vest which displayed my CPD badge. I had my body worn camera (BWC) mounted on the outside of my vest and it was activated during this incident. I was carrying my Division-issued Smith & Wesson 2.0 9mm service weapon which was loaded with division-issued ammunition. I am current in my range qualifications with this weapon. I was not carrying a backup firearm. I was working with a partner, CPD Officer [REDACTED] We were in cruiser [REDACTED] I do not believe the Cruise Video System (CVS) was working.

I do not wear glasses or contacts and my uncorrected vision is good. I do not wear hearing aids and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from any disabilities. I was not taking any medication, prescription or over the counter, which could affect the performance of my duties. I

had not consumed any alcohol in the 24-hours before this incident. I was working overtime when this incident occurred but I had not worked any overtime or special duty in the 24-hours prior to the incident and I arrived at the start of my shift well-rested.

Immediately before this incident, Officer [REDACTED] and I were on routine patrol when the radio tone went out and radio advised that there was a male black in white shirt and gray hoodie outside shooting and that someone may be shot. Radio further advised that the location was 4738 McAllister Avenue. Officer [REDACTED] was driving and I put the address into my phone to get directions since 14 precinct is not my regular assignment. We activated the cruiser emergency lights and sirens and immediately began driving to the location. I believe within a few seconds of the alert tone, radio advised that this may be a possible domestic incident. As Officer [REDACTED] was driving, I was relaying the information that was coming over the MDT (mobile digital terminal) from the CAD (computer aided dispatch) system. There were multiple calls coming in regarding this incident. I relayed the updated information to Officer [REDACTED] as it came across the MDT. I believe one of the callers reported that someone was shooting towards them and dispatch noted that they could hear gunshots in the background. Another caller stated that the suspect was a male black with dreadlocks in a brown shirt and that he ran eastbound on Lockwood and another caller indicated that the suspect went back into the house. Given the two differing suspect descriptions: white shirt/gray hoodie and brown shirt, I thought that we potentially had two suspects. As I was reading the additional information, I was also giving Officer [REDACTED] directions to the location.

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Suddenly, I heard a gunshot and saw a puff of smoke at the front of the Civic. I saw the driver's side door of the Civic open and the suspect's legs come out of the car to the ground. As his legs came down, I saw what appeared to be a rifle in between his legs. I yelled "put your hands up!" while leveling my firearm at him. He raised and fired his rifle while I simultaneously fired my weapon and yelled "gun, gun, gun!" I fired my weapon while retreating west. I aired "shots fired; he's got a rifle!" I took a position behind the rear corner of a parked SUV. I then saw the suspect advancing toward us and firing his rifle. I returned fire and I retreated further west, as did Officer [REDACTED]. I went across Shady Lane Road and aired that I was across the street. I was not sure how many rounds I had fired, so I re-loaded my weapon. I did not see Officer [REDACTED] as there were a lot of trees and cars in the area. I yelled out to make sure he was not hit and he responded and asked if I was good. I aired that suspect description: a male black, gray Civic with tinted windows and that I thought he was wearing a black jacket. Then S-14 aired that he was with the car and had a male with a rifle down.

Officer [REDACTED] and I went east across Shady Lane Road. We walked in front of 4738 McAllister Road and the man who had previously been outside the residence said he was down. I continued east and I saw Sergeant Diehl standing on the sidewalk and the suspect down next to him. Sergeant Diehl secured the suspect as additional officers arrived. Someone opened the door on the east side of 4738 McAllister and said that we needed to check on the person in the house and pointed to the white house directly north. Two additional CPD officers had just arrived so we told them to go check that house. They went to that house and Officer [REDACTED] and I went to assist. As soon as we walked into the screened in front porch/sunroom, I saw a female laying in a pool of blood. I yelled that we needed two medics (one for the female victim and one for the suspect). Officer [REDACTED] put on gloves and was trying to access where she had been hit to apply pressure and stop the bleeding. I was also putting on gloves when a medic arrived. He accessed her and stated that she was deceased.

Multiple additional officers had arrived so I was removed from the active scene and went to wait by a cruiser. CPD Officer Support Team Member arrived and took me to the 14/20 CPD substation. I waited there for BCI Agents to arrive. There they photographed me and collected my weapon. This ended my involvement in this incident.

I believe I fired nine (9) rounds at the suspect. During the incident, I did not know how many rounds I fired but I believe it was nine (9) based on the round count after the incident. I did not fire any additional rounds after I re-loaded my weapon. When we first arrived on scene and I heard the gunshot, I did not initially see the suspect and continued advancing northeast towards the area the neighbor indicated the suspect was located. It was a second later that I saw him emerge from the vehicle with the rifle and fire at us. That is the first time that I fired at him and I believe I was approximately 50-65 feet from him. I believe I fired from a standing position

while retreating east to try and obtain some cover. I do not know how many shots I fired at that time. I took a position behind a CRV parked in the driveway of 4738 McAllister Avenue. Initially, I could not see the suspect and then I heard a gunshot and saw him advancing west towards us while firing his rifle. I fired my weapon from a standing position at the rear of that CRV while trying to utilize it as cover/concealment. I believe I was approximately 65-75 feet from the suspect. I fired with a two-handed grip and I do not recall if I used my sights. The direction of my shots was northeast to east. My backdrop was the suspect's car. My target was center mass. I stopped firing because I could no longer see the suspect. I retreated across the street to wait for additional officers with rifles to arrive as the body armor I was wearing would not stop a rifle round and Officer [REDACTED] and I could not match the firepower of his rifle with our service weapons.

At the time I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life as well as the life of Officer [REDACTED] and the civilians in the area. Prior to our arrival there had been multiple phone calls that he was shooting a weapon and that there was a possible domestic. Immediately before I fired my weapon, the suspect had just fired at us. I believe he fired the first shot while still in the Civic so I am not sure if that round was fired at us but once he exited the Civic, he was firing at us. I believe he was trying to seriously injure or kill us. I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life, the life of Officer [REDACTED] or the lives of the civilians in the area from the suspect's deadly actions at the time I fired my weapon.

This entire incident happened in a matter of seconds. From the time we arrived on scene and walked across McAllister Avenue until the time the last round was fired was approximately twenty (20) seconds. The suspect fired the first round from inside the car before I even knew where he was located. I did not have time to attempt any de-escalation techniques.

At the time of this incident, I did have a taser on my duty belt. However, I did not use my taser as the use of a taser requires time, distance, barrier, lethal force backup and reasonableness. As the suspect was armed and was shooting at Officer [REDACTED] and I, it would not have been reasonable to use a taser as it is not reasonable to use less lethal force when a suspect is utilizing lethal force. I believe that my actions during this incident were consistent with my training as a police officer.

I have also now had an opportunity to review the body worn camera and ring footage of this incident. After reviewing it, I realized that I did not fire all my rounds in rapid succession. There was approximately an 8-9 second pause between my rounds. During the incident, I thought I continued firing as I retreated and fired all my rounds at one time. I also realized in reviewing the footage, that as I retreated, I may have fired a round or two with one-hand (right strong hand) as I was retreating.

I now know that the name of the suspect is Corey Roach. However, I did not recognize him and do not believe I have ever had any prior encounters, personal or professional, with him.

This concludes my statement, and I will now answer any additional questions you may have at this time.

[REDACTED]

