



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – Interstate 270 Northbound on  
Big Walnut Creek Bridge, Columbus (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** George D. Mooter (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 03/05/2021  
**Activity Location:** – I270 and Noe–Bixby Rd, Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County  
**Author:** SA Jonathan W. Jenkins, #99

**Narrative:**

On March 5, 2021, at approximately 1729 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jonathan Jenkins was contacted by BCI Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau. Barbeau assigned Jenkins to assist in a Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which occurred in the northbound lanes of travel on Interstate 270, near Noe Bixby Road, in Columbus, Ohio. Barbeau advised Jenkins that one individual was deceased and officers from the Columbus Police Department and deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office were involved in the OICI.

At approximately 1855 hours, Jenkins arrived at the scene of the incident where law enforcement officers had all northbound lanes of travel closed. Jenkins then observed several vehicles parked in the roadway, which were still occupied by drivers and passengers. In addition there was also what appeared to be a very serious vehicle crash scene where multiple vehicles had received severe damage.

Jenkins then met with BCI Special Agents Rick Ward and Jim Mulford and received a short briefing of the events which had recently taken place. Jenkins was advised that Andrew Teague had been involved in a vehicle pursuit with law enforcement officers and refused to stop. Ultimately Teague decided to travel southbound, in the northbound lanes of travel, on Interstate 270 where he caused a head-on collision. After the crash, Teague exited his vehicle and attempted to continue to evade capture. At some point in time, a shooting occurred between Teague and law enforcement officers, where Teague received a fatal gunshot wound. Ward and Mulford stated all the occupants of the vehicles, which were still parked in the roadway, needed to be interviewed. Jenkins then started to assist with interviewing the potential eye witnesses who were still seated inside their vehicles.

At approximately 1935 hours, Jenkins made contact with George Mooter who was operating a white in color, 2012 Ford Fusion, bearing Ohio registration HNF8737. Jenkins then properly

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identified himself and requested permission to speak with him about the incident. Mooter agreed and the conversation took place on the roadway. Mooter stated he was traveling northbound on Interstate 270 on his way home from work. Mooter said he drives the same route everyday and believed the time was approximately 1620–1625 hours when he noticed traffic was slowing down and eventually stopped. Jenkins asked Mooter if he saw the traffic accident ahead of him. Mooter stated he did not. Mooter stated after the traffic stopped he observed a black male approaching his (Mooter's) vehicle, from the front, who was carrying a gun. Mooter stated after the man passed his vehicle, he heard gunshots and saw in his side mirror, the man fall to the ground near the right rear portion of his vehicle. Jenkins asked Mooter how many gunshots he heard. Mooter stated there were several and estimated at least 5 gunshots.

Jenkins asked Mooter what all he heard from either the officers or the unknown male. Mooter stated his windows were rolled up and he did not hear anything other than muffled voices, but he did hear police sirens, and saw officers approaching the area. Jenkins asked Mooter if the man pointed the gun at him. Mooter stated he did not. Jenkins asked Mooter if he could describe the gun the unknown man was carrying. Mooter stated it was silver in color and was a semi-automatic style gun.

Jenkins asked Mooter if he felt the officers acted outside the scope of their duties or if there was any excessive use of force. Mooter stated he did not witness any inappropriate behavior from the officers. Jenkins asked Mooter if he used any type of recording device to take pictures or video of the incident. Mooter stated he did not.

The interview between Jenkins and Mooter was audio recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment 1 for a copy of the audio recording.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:George Mooter, audio recorded interview, 3-5-21