



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



2024-0431

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 6042 Huntley Rd, Columbus,
OH

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Shane Mills (W)
Date of Activity: 02/27/2024
Activity Location: FOP Capital City Lodge #9 – 6800 Schrock Hill Court, Columbus,
OH 43229
Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 1608 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) and interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) Shane Mills (Mills), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jackie Tipton, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at FOP Capital City Lodge #9, located at 6800 Schrock Hill Court, Columbus, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Ofc. Mills understood that he was a witness to an incident and was not under criminal investigation. He understood that his statement was voluntary.

Ofc. Mills was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the February 7, 2024 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 6042 Huntley Road, Columbus, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Mills did not discharge a firearm during the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Mills, #3142, didn't not recall his cruiser number or radio call sign on the day of the shooting. He has been employed by CPD for about 4.5 years. He has been a police officer for a total of 10.5 years. During the incident, Ofc. Mills wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore a concealed ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove a CPD Ford Explorer SUV, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident.

Ofc. Mills stated that on the day of the incident, he had a partner, Ofc. Phil Callaghan, #3246 (Ofc. Callaghan). Ofc. Mills was driving and Ofc. Callaghan was in the front passenger seat.

Ofc. Mills said that 18 precinct located an occupied stolen vehicle. Once the car got near OH-161 and Karl Road, the call went Code 4 (disengage). When that happened, Ofc. Mills was

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on Karl Road and saw the car go by but did not chase the vehicle. Ofc. Mills and his partner then got assigned to their previous call and headed westbound on OH-161 towards the dispatched run.

When Ofc. Mills and his partner were going down OH-161, he noticed the vehicle stationary. The vehicle then pulled into a Sheetz, located at 975 E. Dublin Granville Road. The vehicle stopped at a gas pump. Ofc. Mills and Ofc. Callaghan performed a felony stop on the vehicle. Ofc. Mills gave commands to the driver, later identified as Holly Graham (Graham), who did not comply. Graham then took off and started to drive in circles in the parking lot.

While in the parking lot, Graham drove past Ofc. Mills and gestured out of the window and made a "... get away from me look". Ofc. Mills didn't chase after Graham in the parking lot and waited for additional units to arrive.

Ofc. Mills believes that Unit 605 had stop sticks on one of the exits and believes that Graham avoided the stop sticks or went out a different exit. Graham then went through the AutoZone parking lot and then to a service road which leads to OH-161. The vehicle then goes to another gas station, a BP located at OH-161 and Sinclair Road. The vehicle stopped suddenly, and another felony stop was performed. The vehicle then took off and did circles in the parking lot. Other officers were deploying stop sticks at the exits to prevent the vehicle from leaving.

██████████ and ██████████ had an exit leading to Sinclair Road blocked. Ofc. Mills saw Graham almost collide with their cruiser. Graham turns northbound onto Sinclair Road, crosses OH-161 and Huntley/Sinclair Road intersection and turns into the Huntley Square Shopping Center. Graham then circles around the shopping center parking lot.

Ofc. Mills and his partner stopped at the southwest exit of the shopping center. Graham went towards the north exit but missed the exit. Ofc. Mills thought she missed the exit because she wanted to "... toy with them more" and continued to circle the lot. Graham went southbound where ██████████ and ██████████ were located at. Ofc. Mills gets out of his cruiser and hears ██████████ give commands to the effect of "Stop the car. Stop".

Ofc. Mills then states, "That's when she just kinda floored it and next thing you know *snaps finger* he was on top of the hood". Ofc. Mills didn't know exactly where ██████████ was standing but knew he was in front of the vehicle. Ofc. Mills heard ██████████ discharge his firearm and heard multiple gunshots.

When ██████████ was discharging his firearm, Ofc. Mills was to the west of ██████████ the parking lot approximately 40-50 feet. Ofc. Mills said that ██████████ was riding the car as he was running towards the vehicle. Graham then went over the service road, hit a ditch and from what Ofc. Mills remembers, ██████████ either fell off the car and hit the ground or stayed on his feet after hitting the ditch.

The car is then stationary on OH-161. Multiple officers approached the vehicle. Ofc. Mills wanted to make sure that ██████████ was alright since he was just "... shooting and also run over by a car". The vehicle then took off eastbound in the westbound lanes of OH-161.

SA Holcomb asked Ofc. Mills if he ever drew his firearm while in the Huntley Square parking

lot; he said he did. He drew his firearm right before [REDACTED] [REDACTED] not “ran over” as they were approaching the vehicle. Ofc. Mills stated that he didn’t fire his firearm because of the business behind the car and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on the vehicle.

After the car took off, Ofc. Mills and his partner then went to their cruiser and decided to stay at the shooting scene and secure the scene with crime scene tape. Other CPD cruisers went after the vehicle.

SA Holcomb asked Ofc. Mills if he believed that Graham driving the vehicle was a threat. He replied with “Absolutely”. He continued to say, “The way she was diving. The erratic behavior. Didn’t care who was in front of her, what was going on. Circles in the lot, um, there was a point where she came towards us when we were in the Sheetz and it was something to the effect of ‘I don’t know why you’re trying this, I’m not going to fucking stop’”. Ofc. Mills stated that he heard Graham say something to that effect.

The interview concluded at approximately 1824 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-02-27 CPD Ofc. Shane Mills Interview (2024-0431)