



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-70 at Mound Street,  
Columbus, OH

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Joshua (CPD) Milstead (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/06/2023  
**Activity Location:** – Scene  
**Author:** SA Jonathan Scale, #169

**Narrative:**

On July 6, 2023 at approximately 1927 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jon Scale (SA Scale) interviewed Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Joshua Milstead (Officer Milstead), badge # 2093. BCI was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved CPD that had happened earlier that day. BCI was informed that CPD officers were involved in a shooting that occurred on Interstate 70 East near the Mound Street exit. The purpose of this interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Officer Milstead.

The interview with Officer Milstead took place outside on Interstate 70 near the scene of the incident. The interview was audio recorded. A copy of the recording is attached to this report and a copy was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Officer Milstead's interview:

Officer Milstead has worked for the last eleven (11) years and works out of substation #19. At the time of the incident, Officer Milstead was in CPD marked cruiser #193 and was a single car unit. Officer Milstead was working his normal patrol shift and was on Hague Avenue when he heard over the radio that the car-jacking suspects from earlier that day had just robbed a bank near Hilliard Rome Road and they had fled.

Officer Milstead said that he heard over the radio that one of their Sergeants had spotted the vehicle in question traveling eastbound on Interstate 70 towards downtown Columbus, so he made his way to the interstate from Hague Avenue. Officer Milstead said he then heard that an officer had been hit.

Officer Milstead arrived to the scene right after the shooting had taken place. He said that he did not see or hear any shots that were fired and he never discharged his weapon. He saw CPD Officer [REDACTED] on the ground and observed CPD Officers Brumfield and Muscarello applying

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a tourniquet to Officer [REDACTED] leg. He saw the subject laying on the ground in the far-right lane and other officers drawing down on him. (Subject was later identified as Abdisamad Ismail.) Officer Milstead along with Officer [REDACTED] went over and handcuffed Ismail.

Officer Milstead said that while they handcuffed Ismail, he [Ismail] was not conscious or talking. Officer Milstead said that he believed Ismail was deceased. Officer Milstead said that since everything happened so fast, he did not have time put on gloves and his hands were covered in blood after handcuffing Ismail. He said that after he put the cuffs on Ismail he then went to clean up and saw another officer came over and start chest compressions on Ismail.

Officer Milstead said that Officer [REDACTED] was then put into CPD cruiser # [REDACTED] and transported to the hospital.

This interview concluded at approximately 1935 hours.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2023-07-06 CPD Officer Milstead interview audio