



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 Witness
Involves: Tristan Patrick Smith (W)
Date of Activity: 02/08/2024
Activity Location: Smith, Tristan Patrick – Business – 780 E. Dublin Granville Road,
Columbus, OH 43229
Author: SA Chad Holcomb, #61

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 08, 2024 at 1015 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Tristan Smith (Smith), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The interview took place at his business of employment, Mark Wahlberg Quick Service located at 780 E. Dublin Granville Road. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Smith stated that the vehicle came real fast to the Shell gas station across the street. Four or five police cars pulled in and started to pull out spike strips and tried to block the entrances. The subject kept trying to maneuver to get out and eventually did. The vehicle got on Huntley Road, went northbound and entered the Huntley Square shopping center.

The subject was doing loops around the parking lot and the cops were attempting to block the vehicle in. Smith stated, "They were all trying to block her so that she couldn't leave. And then she does a loop, and the cop gets in the way, and he gets ready to pull out his gun and she just floors it and he jumps on the roof and just pops a couple of rounds". Smith then describes the vehicle hitting a ditch and the police officer landing in the roadway.

Smith stated that he saw the officer shooting while on the hood of the vehicle and believes he fired seven or eight rounds.

The vehicle then takes off eastbound, down East Dublin Granville Road. SA Holcomb asked if he heard law enforcement saying anything. Smith stated, "Stop, freeze and all that stuff. They were trying to get her to stop but she did not." He heard them yelling in the Shell parking lot and the Huntley Square shopping center.

Smith stated that he has video of the incident. SA Holcomb sent Smith an Axon community

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request and Smith uploaded the video to Axon/Evidence.com. SA Holcomb placed the video in the case folder.

The interview concluded at approximately 1020 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-0431 – Tristan Smith Interview

References:

B – Tristan Smith Cell Phone Video