



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



2024-0431

Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 6042 Huntley Rd,
Columbus

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: CPD; Ofc. Joey Dickson #2977
Activity Date: 2/27/2024
Activity Location: Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Columbus
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

Narrative:

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 1520 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed City of Columbus-Division of Police (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) Joey Dickson (Ofc. Dickson), who was accompanied by his attorney, Jaclyn Tipton, from the law offices of Harshaman and Wannemacher, consulted by the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the FOP Lodge, Columbus. The interview was audio recorded. SA Collins verified with Ofc. Dickson that he understood this interview to be voluntary in nature and he was not compelled to answer questions.

Ofc. Dickson 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 Rd, Columbus, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Dickson did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Dickson stated his radio call sign on February 7, 2024, was #184. He has been employed by the CPD for about 6 ½ years (hired June 2017). During the incident, Ofc. Dickson wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. He drove CPD unit #184, a Ford SUV, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights (utilized). While Ofc. Oldham was in the passenger seat. Ofc. Dickson stated the patrol vehicle was equipped with an in-car camera. Ofc. Dickson stated he was also equipped with a body worn camera (BWC) which was activated during the incident. Ofc. Dickson considered himself to be well-represented as a police officer during the incident.

During the incident a vehicle had previously been reported stolen from the Lancaster area (Lancaster PD report). For clarity the stolen vehicle will be referred to as the "subject-vehicle" throughout this report. The subject vehicle is more particularly described as a blue Toyota Camry with Ohio registration, HCG9829; which was driven or operated by Holly Graham.

Ofc. Dickson stated he and Ofc. Oldham were assigned regular patrol duties, out of the eighteenth (18th) precinct. SA Collins explained he understood there was a stolen vehicle



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involved in the incident. SA Collins asked Ofc. Dickson when he first became aware of an incident. Ofc. Dickson stated he knew there was another officer from another precinct who was dispatched to the area where the subject vehicle was last seen. Ofc. Dickson stated he did not hear the actual radio transmission which included the details, however. Ofc. Dickson said he and Ofc. Oldham were in the area of Dublin Granville Road when they heard Ofc. Pizzidaz (sic) advise on the radio that the stolen car was located and was taking off from him. Ofc. Dickson said Ofc. Pizzidaz was advising the direction of travel as Ofc. Dickson and Ofc. Oldham arrived in the area. Ultimately, Ofc. Dickson and Ofc. Oldham got behind the vehicle. Ofc. Dickson said he was told to attempt to stop or otherwise initiate a traffic stop, which he did. However, the vehicle did not comply and continued. Ofc. Dickson described the vehicle making numerous non-sense turns and was otherwise driving in circles. Ofc. Dickson stated, with the vehicle refusing to comply with the order of their lights and siren, Ofc. Dickson de-activated his lights and siren. Ofc. Dickson said they went "code 4" or cleared from that call and were sent to another call.

Later, Ofc. Dickson said an officer from first (1st) precinct relocated the subject vehicle in the area of the Sheetz parking lot. Ofc. Dickson approximated the time from he and Ofc. Oldham being sent to the different run and the 1st precinct car relocating the stolen, as about 5-10 minutes or only a "couple minutes." Ofc. Dickson said he and Oldham responded to the area of Sheetz to assist. While en route, a freeway sergeant advised units to attempt to utilize spike strips on the vehicle. Ofc. Dickson described getting into the area and locating the vehicle in a Shell parking lot on the south side of State Route 161. Ofc. Dickson further stated, Ofc. Oldham attempted to utilize stop sticks at one of the entrances/exits. However, the subject vehicle avoided them and went out another exit before traveling northbound on Huntley Road. The subject vehicle pulled into a shopping center plaza off of Huntley Road.

Ofc. Dickson stated he and Ofc. Oldham stopped at the south entrance of the plaza, again to attempt to deploy stop sticks. Ofc. Dickson stated he believed the person driving the subject vehicle may have noticed there were spike sticks thrown, because the subject vehicle went into reverse. Ofc. Dickson stated [REDACTED] was approximately ten to fifteen (10-15) yards away from Ofc. Dickson, on the same side of the vehicle. SA Collins asked for clarification related to [REDACTED] being in the path of the vehicle. Ofc. Dickson said, it appeared to him, [REDACTED] was to the left or on the passenger side of the vehicle, telling the subject to stop the car. Ofc. Dickson said the subject vehicle went into reverse and he doesn't recall exactly how [REDACTED] got struck but... Ofc. Dickson stated it was at that point he saw [REDACTED] *"somehow get struck by the vehicle. I saw the vehicle come at him and strike him. At which point, I saw him on the hood of the car, as the car was accelerating, with him still on the hood. Um, I saw [REDACTED] discharge several*



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rounds into the windshield of the vehicle. At which point, the crew--, or the stolen vehicle continued to pick up speed and accelerate and they ended up hitting an embankment or some type of ditch. Which then shot [REDACTED] up, off, the hood and into the middle of 1-61 lanes of travel." Ofc. Dickson said he and Ofc. Oldham began to approach the subject vehicle, giving multiple commands to stop and get out of the vehicle. Ofc. Dickson stated the subject inside the subject vehicle did not comply.

Ofc. Dickson stated the subject vehicle took off eastbound on SR 161. Ofc. Dickson said he returned to his patrol vehicle and attempted to go after the subject vehicle. Ofc. Dickson stated he did not see it, but the subject vehicle had collided with another vehicle. When he pulled up, a freeway officer was already there, attempting to take the subject into custody.

Ofc. Dickson witnessed the freeway officer advise dispatch they needed a squad for the subject's injuries. Ofc. Dickson stated he and the other officers began rendering aid to the subject. Specifically, applying tourniquets to both legs, due to gunshot wounds.

SA Collins asked Ofc. Dickson what his belief or feeling was, related to what the subject's intent/s were. Ms. Tipton acknowledged the question was speculative. SA Collins clarified, asking Ofc. Dickson if the subject was trying to continue to elude or they were trying to strike an officer. Ofc. Dickson said, *"based off what I saw at that specific moment, during the entire encounter, it seemed to me that-- it seemed like she was purposely trying to strike [REDACTED] He was directly in front—he was to where anybody in that vehicle would have seen him. There's no way that the driver of that vehicle did not see that [REDACTED] was in her way."*

The interview concluded at approximately 1543 hours.

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