



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: Brandi L. Tanler (W)
Date of Activity: 03/05/2021
Activity Location: Incident Location – Interstate 270 Northbound on Big Walnut Creek Bridge, Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On March 05, 2021, at approximately 2008 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Scheiderer interviewed motorist Brandi Tanler (Tanler) at the scene of the March 5, 2021, fatal shooting incident between Andrew Teague (Teague) and members of the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). The contact with Tanler took place on I-270 NB while she remained in her vehicle (white Honda CRV bearing Ohio temporary registration K222693). The following is a summation of the contact with Tanler and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

Tanler stated she was driving northbound on I-270 when she observed what appeared to be a wreck ahead of her. Traffic began slowing and eventually came to a stop. Tanler observed an African-American male, later identified as Teague, climb out the driver's window of a vehicle that was involved in the wreck. At approximately the same time, Tanler heard what she believed was a car "back-fire." Tanler observed Teague walking along the east berm waving a pistol around. A CPD officer approached Tanler's vehicle on her driver's side and began shouting commands at Teague. The officer also told Tanler to get down. Tanler ducked down in her vehicle and heard approximately four or five gunshots coming from the direction of the officer. Tanler stated Teague's attention appeared to be focused on the officer beside her vehicle, but she never witnessed him fire the pistol because she ducked down in her vehicle when told to do so by the officer. After the shots stopped, Tanler looked out her vehicle and saw that Teague was down and officers were approaching him. Tanler lost sight of Teague due to vehicles in her line of sight, but later observed medics arrive on scene and someone was performing CPR on Teague. Tanler had no further information.

Attachments:

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Attachment # 01:Brandi Tanler Audio Interview 3.05.2021

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