

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



2023-2219 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1389 Marion Drive Columbus, Ohio 43207

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Officer (S)

Date of Activity: 10/30/2023

Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset

Drive, Columbus, OH 43220

Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Monday, October 30, 2023 at 1425 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) and SA Chad Holcomb (SA Holcomb) interviewed Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) which was accompanied by his attorney, Nicole Wannemacher, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Ofc. read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

During the course of the interview, agents utilized tactics designed to illicit truthful responses and to test the veracity of information provided. As many of the details of the investigation into the incident were publicly available, it was necessary to utilize alternative tactics (beyond the typical methodology of retaining confidential "holdout" information regarding the incident and then comparing/contrasting witness statements with information that could only be known by those with actual knowledge of the incident). These tactics include developing rapport and potentially providing information known to be erroneous. Therefore, misstatements of facts or evidence in the recorded interview by the interviewing agents are intentional and align with the strategy for the overall investigative plan.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid

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the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Worthington Police Department (WPD) had warrants for Jamie Overstreet (Overstreet), that he had been at a protected person's work location in Worthington and was believed to be on his way to her residence on Rendezvous Lane. added that he was aware of Overstreet as he had previously filed warrants on him for violating a protection order just two weeks earlier. added that WPD advised Overstreet was driving a black Monte Carlo.

stated that CPD Officers Duane Derwacter (Derwacter) and Sean Evans (Evans) were dispatched to the call but he and Officer Kraig Gibson (Gibson) also responded as he was familiar with the caller. added that on the way the Monte Carlo was observed and refused to stop, a short pursuit ensued until called off by dispatch. stated that the CPD helicopter radioed that he observed the Monte Carlo crash at Corr Road and Parsons Avenue, then continue on until the driver fled on foot in the area of Marion Road apartments. advised he was in the area and ran south through the parking lot area and saw Derwacter and Evans also on scene. he saw an individual that he immediately recognized as the suspect running east and yelled "Stop", but he continued running. and added that the suspect, later identified as Overstreet, ran out from behind a fence and looked at him. Overstreet had a gun in his right hand and he had raised it up. "gun" and lined up his sights and began firing. Stated he fired five rounds at the suspect in three or four seconds in a rapid controlled succession. that Overstreet went down to the ground and that he advised dispatch of "shots fired". added that Evans secured Overstreet as others rendered aid. short time later a CPD support officer arrived and took him to 13th precinct substation and that was the end of his involvement with this incident.

stated, at the time he fired his weapon he was in fear for his life and the lives of the other officers on scene. added, he knew Overstreet had several active warrants and that he had a special alert that he had threatened to have a shootout with police.

The interview concluded at approximately 1440 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-10-30

Attachment # 02: 2023-10-30 CIN

Attachment # 03: 2023-10-30 Written Statement

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Criminal Investigation Notification

- This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
- 2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
- 3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Printed Name of Interviewee	10/30/23 Date / Time
Signature of Interviewee	
BCI Agent (Printed)	
ECI Agent (Signature)	

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This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, between approximately 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. in Columbus, Ohio. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire with the Columbus Division of Police (CPD or the Division) is July 13, 2020. My regular assignment is 13C9. My regular duty hours are 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. My regular days off are Monday and Tuesday. I have five (5) years of active military experience in the Navy and 2.5 years in the reserves. My highest rank attained was E5 and I received an honorable discharge. I do not have any law enforcement experience prior to joining CPD.

I was wearing the CPD patrol uniform consisting of navy pants and shirt. I was also wearing an external ballistic vest and I was wearing a Columbus Police Jacket with CPD patches on each shoulder and my badge on the front. I had my body worn camera (BWC) mounted on the outside of my jacket and it was activated during this incident. I was carrying my Division-issued Smith & Wesson 2.0 9mm service weapon which was loaded with division-issued ammunition. I am current in my range qualifications with this weapon. I was not carrying a backup firearm. I was not working with a partner. I was in cruiser but my call sign was

I do not wear glasses or contacts and my uncorrected vision is good. I do not wear hearing aids and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from any disabilities. I was not taking any medication, prescription or over the counter, which could affect the performance of my duties. I was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. I worked 4 hours of special duty downtown on walkie patrol immediately prior to my shift, but I arrived at the start of my shift well-rested.

Immediately before this incident, I was at roll call at the 13th precinct substation when dispatched aired that a suspect named Jamie Overstreet had outstanding warrants for violation of a protection order. They further stated that Worthington Police Department had advised that the suspect had been at the protected person's work location which is in Worthington and that they believed he may be on his way to Rendezvous Lane which is where the protected person lives. The suspect was believed to be driving a black Monte Carlo. I recognized the suspect's name as I had previously filed warrants on him for violation of a protection order approximately 2 weeks before this incident. Dispatch also advised that there was a special circumstance alert for Jamie Overstreet that he had threatened to have a shootout with officers.

I believe Officers Derwacter and Evans (cruiser 134) were dispatched on this run.

Officer Gibson and I (in separate cruisers) were dispatched on a call for a burglary of a vacant building. I asked Officer Gibson if, given the special circumstances of threating to have a shootout with police, he had any objection to assisting on the violation of a protection order run first and then we would go to the burglary of a vacant building. Officer Gibson was in agreement. I believe Officers Durr and Coffeey also attached themselves to the run. We all left the substation at roughly the same time. There was a line of 3 or 4 cruisers and I believe I was the last cruiser. I believe I was going south on Lockbourne radio when Officer Derwacter or Evans aired that they had a black Monte Carlo and the driver appeared to match the suspect description. I flipped my cruiser around and got behind the black Monte Carlo. The other officers also turned around but they were a little further back so I waited for them to catch up before trying to initiate a stop.

I believe I was approaching Williams Road when I activated my lights and sirens. The suspect's vehicle got stuck in traffic, so I exited my cruiser to order the suspect out of the car.

He did not comply. As soon as the light turned green and traffic started moving, the suspect took off. I believe the suspect turned east onto Williams Road and cruiser 134 passed me to follow the suspect. I got back into my cruiser and got behind cruiser 134. We were following the suspect for a minute or two when radio aired that we were no longer authorized to pursue the suspect.

The CPD Helicopter aired that they were a minute out and asked for a description of the vehicle. Probably a minute or so later the helicopter aired that there was a black Monte Carlo on Corr Road and that it was just involved in a traffic crash at Corr Road and Parsons Avenue. I went to Corr Road and saw the other vehicle in the traffic crash. I believe Officer Coffey was assisting them.

The helicopter aired that the suspect was driving slowly and that he turned from Parsons Avenue onto Marion Road. I was still behind cruiser 134 and we drove toward Marion Road. Just as we were approaching Marion Drive North, the helicopter aired that the suspect was on foot running west through the apartments. I turned onto Marion Drive North and parked my cruiser. Just as I was exiting my cruiser, the helicopter aired "cruiser right in front of you." However, I was not sure if they were referencing my cruiser or another cruiser, as cruiser 134 head stopped a few feet in front (east) of me.

I ran south through the parking lot area that is in between the apartment buildings in Marion Square Apartments. It was dark but there were several bright streetlights and lights on the outside of some of the apartments. I saw Officer Derwacter go left (east) and Officer Evans was in front of me. As I was running south, I saw an individual that I immediately recognized as the suspect running to my east. I yelled at him to "Stop!" He continued running south on the sidewalk and ran behind a dumpster with a partial fence around it. He ran out from behind the fence and looked at me. Suddenly, I saw that he had a gun raised up chest level. I yelled "gun,"

as I lined up my sights and began firing my weapon. The suspect went down to the ground. I aired "shots fired" and began advancing towards the suspect.

Officers Derwacter and Durr approached the suspect with their weapons drawn and I believe we were all yelling at the suspect to show us his hands. The suspect was face down and actively bleeding. I put on gloves and I believe Officer Evans secured the suspect while the other officers provided cover. We began rendering medical aid to the suspect. Other officers arrived and secured the scene. CPD Officer Support arrived and I left the scene and eventually went to the 13th precinct substation until BCI agents arrived. This ended my involvement in this incident.

I fired five rounds at the suspect. I believe I fired my rounds in 3-4 seconds, in rapid, controlled succession. I believe I was approximately 15-20 feet from the suspect at the time I fired. I fired from a standing position at the front end of a car that was parked in the lot, parallel to the sidewalk. I fired with a two-handed grip and I used my sights. The direction of my shots was south. My backdrop was the backyard/trees. My target was the suspect's center mass. I stopped firing because the suspect went to the ground and did not appear to be moving.

At the time I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life and the lives of the other officers on scene. The suspect had several active warrants for violating a protection order. The suspect had also gone to the protected person's place of work in violation of the protection order. And this run stemmed from a report that the suspect was in the process of going to the protected person's home. The suspect had a special alert that he had threatened to have a shootout with police and that he had a gun—and the means to carry out his threat.

Immediately before I fired my weapon, the suspect had fled from an attempted traffic stop, crashed into another vehicle, and fled on foot. I and other officers repeatedly ordered the

suspect to stop; but the suspect ignored those commands and instead looked at me with a gun in his hand with the barrel raised chest level. I truly believed the suspect was going to shoot me or the other officers surrounding him and fulfill his threat of having a shootout with police.

I have now had an opportunity to review the body worn camera footage of this incident, and after isolating it frame by frame, it appears the suspect dropped his firearm onto the sidewalk after I began firing my weapon. However, during the incident, I did not see him drop the gun. It also appears that it took me a second or two after the suspect looked at me with his gun raised chest level to line up my shot and fire.

I know the suspect's name is Jamie Overstreet. I did not believe I had any previous interactions with him but I did file warrants for violation of a protection order approximately two weeks prior to this incident. On that incident, he went to the protected person's residence and made threatening statements into her Ring doorbell.

This concludes my statement, and I will now answer any additional questions you may have at this time.

Officer Bauge #