



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: Michael S. Perry (W)
Date of Activity: 03/05/2021
Activity Location: – I270 and Noe–Bixby Rd, Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County
Author: SA Jonathan W. Jenkins, #99

Narrative:

On March 5, 2021, at approximately 1729 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jonathan Jenkins was contacted by BCI Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau. Barbeau assigned Jenkins to assist in a Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which occurred in the northbound lanes of travel on Interstate 270, near Noe Bixby Road, in Columbus, Ohio. Barbeau advised Jenkins that one individual was deceased and officers from the Columbus Police Department and deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office were involved in the OICI.

At approximately 1855 hours, Jenkins arrived at the scene of the incident where law enforcement officers had all northbound lanes of travel closed. Jenkins then observed several vehicles parked in the roadway, which were still occupied by drivers and passengers. In addition, there was also what appeared to be a very serious vehicle crash scene where multiple vehicles had received severe damage.

Jenkins then met with BCI Special Agents Rick Ward and Jim Mulford and received a short briefing of the events which had recently taken place. Jenkins was advised that Andrew Teague had been involved in a vehicle pursuit with law enforcement officers and refused to stop. Ultimately Teague decided to travel southbound in the northbound lanes of travel on Interstate 270 where he caused a head on collision. After the crash, Teague exited his vehicle and attempted to continue to evade capture. At some point in time, a shooting occurred between Teague and law enforcement officers where Teague received a fatal gunshot wound. Ward and Mulford stated all the occupants of the vehicles, which were still parked in the roadway, needed to be interviewed. Jenkins then started to assist with interviewing the potential eye witnesses who were still seated inside their vehicles.

At approximately 1908 hours, Jenkins made contact with Michael Perry who was driving a 2020, white in color, Dodge truck, bearing Ohio registration 037ZFC. Jenkins properly

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identified himself and requested permission to speak with him. Perry agreed and the conversation took place on the roadway. Perry stated as he was traveling northbound on Interstate 270 when he noticed what appeared to be a crash in front of him because debris started flying and he saw a semi truck and trailer start swerving. Perry said after the traffic came to a stop, he observed a black male walking towards him between the right and middle lanes of the three lane highway. Perry stated the man then walked to the shoulder of the roadway and continued towards the front passenger's side of his vehicle. Perry stated at this point in time he noticed the man had a gun in his hand. Perry said he then noticed law enforcement officers crossing over the median of the roadway, between the northbound and southbound lanes of travel, so he rolled down his window and told a police officer the man had a gun.

Perry said the man kept walking past the rear of his vehicle and not long afterwards he heard a gunshot. Perry stated he saw another officer approach from the front of his vehicle, who was chasing after the man and heard more gunshots. Perry then saw two shell casings bounce across the hood of his truck. Jenkins asked Perry if he saw where the shell casings went. Perry said no, but he thought law enforcement officers had already marked the locations of the casings. Perry said he looked behind his vehicle and saw the man down on the ground and officers started doing chest compressions. Jenkins asked Perry if he exited his vehicle at any point. Perry stated he did not move and stayed inside his truck.

Jenkins asked Perry if the man said anything to him or pointed the gun at him. Perry stated no. Jenkins asked Perry to describe the gun he saw the man carrying. Perry stated it was a handgun, silver in color, and was not a revolver. Jenkins asked Perry if he used any type of recording device to take pictures or video of the incident. Perry said he did not. Jenkins asked Perry if he observed the officers do anything inappropriate. Perry stated he did not.

The interview between Jenkins and Perry was audio recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. *See attachment 1 for a copy of the audio recording.*

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Michael Perry, audio recorded interview, 3-5-21