



**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; [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]
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 1615 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) interviewed City of Columbus-Division of Police (CPD) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), who was accompanied by his attorney, Nicole Wannemacher, 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that he understood this interview to be voluntary in nature and he was not compelled to answer questions.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated his radio call sign on February 7, 2024, was [REDACTED]. He has been employed by the City of Columbus-Division of Police (CPD) for about ten (10) years. During the incident, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wore his standard police uniform with a metal police badge affixed to it. He also wore an external ballistic vest and duty belt. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he was equipped with a body worn camera (BWC) and it was utilized during the incident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a passenger in CPD unit # [REDACTED] an SUV, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights (activated at some point during the incident). The vehicle was also equipped with a dash camera, and it was utilized during the incident. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the driver of the vehicle.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a road patrol supervisor out of the 18th precinct and on duty 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.



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SA Collins advised he understood there was stolen vehicle involved and asked [REDACTED] when he became aware of there being an incident involving the subject vehicle. [REDACTED] stated he believed the owner of the vehicle had called and stated he'd located his vehicle. [REDACTED] was aware officers had responded and subsequently located the subject vehicle and attempted to stop it.

[REDACTED] said he was monitoring the radio traffic, assessing what the subject vehicle was doing and what the officers were doing. [REDACTED] said they decided to call everyone off the vehicle because CPD policy did not permit officers to pursue stolen vehicles, typically. [REDACTED] said it was a couple minutes later (unsure exact amount of time) when another officer ended up locating the vehicle again at a gas pump. [REDACTED] stated it was unknown to him if the subject vehicle was occupied or abandoned at that point. [REDACTED] stated he understood the officers attempted to "light up" the vehicle (SA Collins understood this to mean, utilizing the emergency lights). [REDACTED] said the officers were again advising the actions of the subject vehicle. [REDACTED] stated the actions reported struck him as bizarre or abnormal. Specifically, citing the subject vehicle traveling in circles or otherwise staying in the area. [REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] decided to go to the area where officers were and possibly assist. [REDACTED] further stated, "Basically, it's not stoppin'. Me and [REDACTED] decide we're gonna go over there because the stolen vehicle's not leaving the area and it's kinda exhibiting this bizarre behavior and we believe it's a danger to the public and we need to go over there ourselves, to help out." [REDACTED] said they responded to the area, utilizing their lights and sirens. [REDACTED] said while monitoring the radio traffic, the subject vehicle as still not stopping but not leaving the immediate area. [REDACTED] stated, from what he understood, the subject vehicle was going in and out of various parking lots. [REDACTED] believed more patrol cars were needed in order to try to prevent the subject vehicle from hitting another car or a pedestrian.

When [REDACTED] arrived in the area, he recalled the subject vehicle being in a gas station parking lot where CPD Officer Pizzidaz (sic) was attempting to block off an exit, however, the subject vehicle went around Ofc. Pizzidaz. [REDACTED] said the subject vehicle drove at them [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] before then going around them.

The subject vehicle went into yet another parking lot, Huntley Square shopping area. [REDACTED] got out of their patrol car with stop sticks while [REDACTED] continued on. [REDACTED] stated he intended to deploy or utilize the stop sticks at one of the exits. [REDACTED] said he witnessed the subject vehicle "rapidly accelerating through the parking lot" and he just "tossed the stop sticks" in the case it came out the exit he was near. [REDACTED] noted being beside the building and using it as cover, as he deployed the stop sticks. [REDACTED] said as he was behind the building, he was preparing to reposition the stop sticks when, "I see the vehicle come, uh- from the side of the building,



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with [REDACTED] on top. Um, I see [REDACTED] firing into the vehicle but I also hear multiple gunshots, so I don't know if the suspect's also firing out of the vehicle or if it's just [REDACTED]. Then I see it drive over the service road. I see [REDACTED] flying off the vehicle, onto the road. Then it takes off." [REDACTED] said the description of the subject vehicle and direction of travel were advised and he understood this was an officer-involved shooting and they needed to secure the scene. [REDACTED] said he began securing the scene.

[REDACTED] stated he traveled to the hospital with [REDACTED]. SA Collins asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had made any comments related to why he fired his weapon and [REDACTED] stated no.

The interview concluded at approximately 1631 hours.

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