



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



2024-1473
 Officer Involved Critical Incident – Intersection of Georgesville Rd
 and Clime Road, Columbus.

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: ██████████ (S)
Date of Activity: 05/29/2024
Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On May 29, 2024 at approximately 1047 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Craig Call (SA Call) and Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement (Attachment # 02) from Franklin Township Police Department (FTPD) ██████████ regarding the shooting incident involving several law enforcement officers from three law enforcement agencies and Hamsa Yusuf Ali (Ali) that occurred on May 12, 2024, at the intersection of Georgesville Road and Clime Road in Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Ali was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with ██████████ took place at his attorney’s office and his attorney, Jaclyn Tipton, was present. ██████████ signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form (Attachment # 03) affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. Prior to meeting with agents, ██████████ and his attorney prepared a typed statement which ██████████ signed in front of agents affirming that would be his official statement regarding this incident. That statement (Attachment # 01) is attached to this report and available for review. The following is a summation of the contact with ██████████ and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. *(It should be noted that during the interview, Ali was referred to as “suspect” by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident)*

EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENT

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At the intersection of Clime and Georgesville, I saw [REDACTED] stop with the front side of his cruiser nearly perpendicular to the front of a small white sedan that was in the middle northbound lanes on Georgesville Road. From radio traffic, I knew this to be the suspect vehicle. [REDACTED] parked our cruiser immediately behind (east of) [REDACTED]s. I saw the suspect- a tall, black, male, exit the white sedan and immediately turn south and fire multiple rounds from a small, black, handgun at CPD officers. The suspect ran northeast into the grassy median on the south side of Clime Road and the East Side of Georgesville Road. I heard officers, including CPD officers, [REDACTED] return fire. I ran to the rear of my cruiser for cover. The suspect still appeared to have his gun in his hand. I fired what I believe was one round from the rifle. I believe the suspect dropped his gun. I heard someone air that a CPD Officer had been hit.

Once the suspect was on the ground and did not appear to be presenting an active threat, I along with other officers, approached the suspect. [REDACTED] was to my immediate west; [REDACTED] was west of [REDACTED] Officers that I believe to be from CPD approached moving east/northeast from Georgesville Road. I continued to shout commands at the suspect to the effect of "Hands up". I saw the handgun on the ground next to the suspect. I stated I would get the gun, however [REDACTED] retrieved the gun from the right side of the suspect's head. Myself, [REDACTED] and a CPD Officer secured the suspect in handcuffs and conducted an initial pat down to ensure there were no additional weapons on his person. I immediately put on gloves and began to render aid. I applied pressure to wounds on the left side of the suspect's neck and chest area. After approximately a minute of applying pressure, I was unsure if the suspect was still breathing, so I asked another officer to check for a pulse while I continued to hold pressure on the wounds. We determined that we should start chest compressions. I performed chest compressions for approximately one to two minutes before asking a CPD Officer to switch with me. Once the CPD Officer took over chest compressions, I stepped away from the suspect."

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center mass. The backdrop for my shot was the empty parking lot south of Clime Road and east of Georgesville Road. I had partial cover from the rear of my cruiser. It was still daylight when I fired and lighting was good. I stopped firing because the suspect was on the ground and no longer presenting a threat to officers or civilians.

At the time I fired my weapon at the suspect, I do not believe I had any reasonable alternative to protect my life, the lives of the other officers on the scene, and the lives of the civilians on the road at that time. I did have a taser with me, however, given my distance from the suspect and that I believed the suspect had fired at officers and shot a CPD officer, I did not believe it would be appropriate to counter their deadly force with a taser.

I now know the name of the suspect that I fired at was Ali Hamsa Yusuf. To my knowledge I have not had any other personal or professional dealings with Mr. Yusuf.

I have now had an opportunity to review video footage from this incident. After seeing the footage, I now recall that the suspect was wearing black pants and a black shirt/jacket. The footage has not otherwise materially changed my recollection of the event. After my round count, I am aware that there were 27 bullets remaining in the rifle. The rifle carries 31 when fully loaded, indicating that four rounds were fired. However, I only recall firing one round and based on the video footage do not believe I fired four rounds.”

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

Agents asked a series of clarifying questions after receiving ██████████'s official statement. The following is a summation of the information gained from those questions.

██████████ was asked about how the patrol rifles are issued at FTPD. According to ██████████ each officer is assigned their own cruiser and the rifle that was in his cruiser the date of the incident was a department issued firearm that always stayed in his cruiser. The rifle is stored in a locking rack in between the driver's and passenger's seats. According to ██████████ the rifle in his cruiser was stored with a loaded magazine and empty chamber. That specific rifle was used during annual firearm's qualifications and was loaded with duty ammunition by someone else, so ██████████ was unsure how many rounds of ammunition were actually loaded in the rifle's magazine prior to the shooting incident on May 12th. ██████████ was asked more details about the patrol rifle he's assigned. ██████████ explained the rifle is equipped with standard black iron sights (front post and rear aperture).

██████████ was asked about what details he remembered coming from Dispatch regarding the initial call for service to assist another agency. ██████████ explained that he and ██████████ were just entering their cruiser on station when he observed a Columbus Division of Police (CPD) cruiser followed by FTPD ██████████ cruiser drive by with their lights and sirens activated. ██████████ then started more closely monitoring the radio traffic. Basically at that time, ██████████ was aware that a ██████████ from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) was asking for assistance regarding an "active shooter" situation, the general area (Georgesville Road), and that CPD and FTPD were headed that way to assist. ██████████ then instructed

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██████████, ██████████ to follow the other responding cruisers.

██████████ was asked about his statement that “knew” it was the suspect’s vehicle when he approached the intersection at Georgesville Road and Clime Road. ██████████ clarified that prior to encountering Ali at the intersection, he overheard radio traffic advising the vehicle in question was a white sedan and included a vehicle registration. When he and ██████████ arrived at the intersection, Ali’s white Toyota Camry was there and it fit the description from the radio traffic being relayed by the ██████████ who was following the vehicle. ██████████ stated initially he was confused about the ██████████ marking on the radio because it was someone he was not familiar with, but later learned it was actually a ██████████

██████████ confirmed he visually observed Ali exit the white Toyota with a small black handgun and fire multiple shots at CPD officers.

██████████ was asked when he made the decision to fire his rifle at Ali. According to ██████████, as he was exiting his cruiser from the passenger’s side, he could still hear gunshots, so he took cover to the rear of his cruiser. When ██████████ saw Ali again, he still had the gun and appeared to be a threat, so ██████████ fired one round from his rifle at Ali.

██████████ was asked about his written statement regarding the rifle carrying 31 rounds when fully loaded and that only 27 rounds were remaining in the rifle after the shooting incident. ██████████ explained he was aware a rifle magazine held 30 cartridges and if you loaded the chamber and then replaced that cartridge in the magazine, it would equal 31 rounds. Agents determined ██████████ was not aware of the exact number of cartridges loaded in the magazine of his rifle prior to the shooting incident. ██████████ was positive the chamber was empty when he retrieved the rifle and he had to “rack” (chamber) a round into the chamber. *(It should be noted that both SA Scheiderer and SA Call are Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) certified patrol rifle instructors for BCI and it is common practice to store patrol rifles in vehicles with 28 cartridges in a 30-round magazine and an empty chamber. If ██████████ chambered a round and then only fired one (1) time at Ali, that would account for the 27 rounds (26 in the magazine and 1 in the chamber) BCI Crime Scene agents retrieved from ██████████ patrol rifle after the shooting.)*

██████████ utilized agent provided overhead photographs of the scene/scans (Attachments # 04 & # 05) to indicate where he believed he was located when he fired at Ali, where Ali, was located, and where any other officers were located at that time.

██████████ didn’t provide any additional information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: FTPD ██████████ Signed Statement

Attachment # 02: FTPD ██████████ Interview

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Attachment # 03: FTPD ██████ CIN
Attachment # 04: FTPD ██████ Visual exhibit A
Attachment # 05: FTPD ██████ Visual exhibit B

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER [REDACTED]

This statement is in regard to my involvement in an incident that occurred on Sunday, May 12, 2024, between approximately 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. near the intersection of Georgesville Road and Clime Road in Columbus, Ohio. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI).

My date of hire with the Franklin Township Police Department was in [REDACTED]. I obtained my OPOTA Certification [REDACTED]. Prior to my current employment with Franklin Township, I worked for the Village of Lithopolis in an auxiliary role from May 2010 through January 2011. I worked at the Village of Baltimore Police Department from February 2011 to February 2014. I served in an auxiliary role for Franklin Township Police Department from May 2013 through November 2014. I was employed full time by the Ross County Sheriff's Office July 2014 through June 2016. I served as a part time Police Officer in Franklin Township from December 2015 through February 2017. I was employed full time by Madison Township Police Department from March 2017 through October 2019. I again worked part time for Franklin Township Police Department from August 2021 through November 2022. I was employed full time at the Ross County Sheriff's Office from January 2020 through November 2022. I do not have any military service. I have never had a use of force determined to be out of policy. My regular assignment is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] However, at the time of the incident, I had been [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I was working with [REDACTED], who was in a field training status. I was wearing my Franklin Township Police uniform, consisting of black pants and a black short sleeve shirt with my badge on the front and Department insignia on the sleeve. I was wearing my exterior vest over my shirt. The

word "POLICE" was visible on the front and back of the exterior vest. I was clearly identifiable as a Franklin Township Police Officer. My body worn camera (BWC) was mounted on the chest area of my exterior vest. I was not wearing a hat or gloves.

I was armed with a division-issued Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm which was loaded with division-issued ammunition. The Division issued COLT AR-15 5.56 MM rifle, also loaded with division-issued ammunition, was in my cruiser. I was current in my range qualification with both weapons. I was not carrying any backup firearms. I was not taking any medication that would in any way affect my ability to carry out my responsibilities and duties as a police officer. I was well rested at the start of my regular shift. I had not consumed any alcohol in the 24 hours prior to the start of my shift. I do not wear glasses or contact lenses and my vision is good. I do not wear a hearing aid and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from any disabilities that would impair my ability to perform my responsibilities as a police officer.

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Franklin Township Officer Roger Myers turned off my body worn camera and acted as my officer support. This ended my involvement with the incident.

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This concludes my statement.





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Criminal Investigation Notification

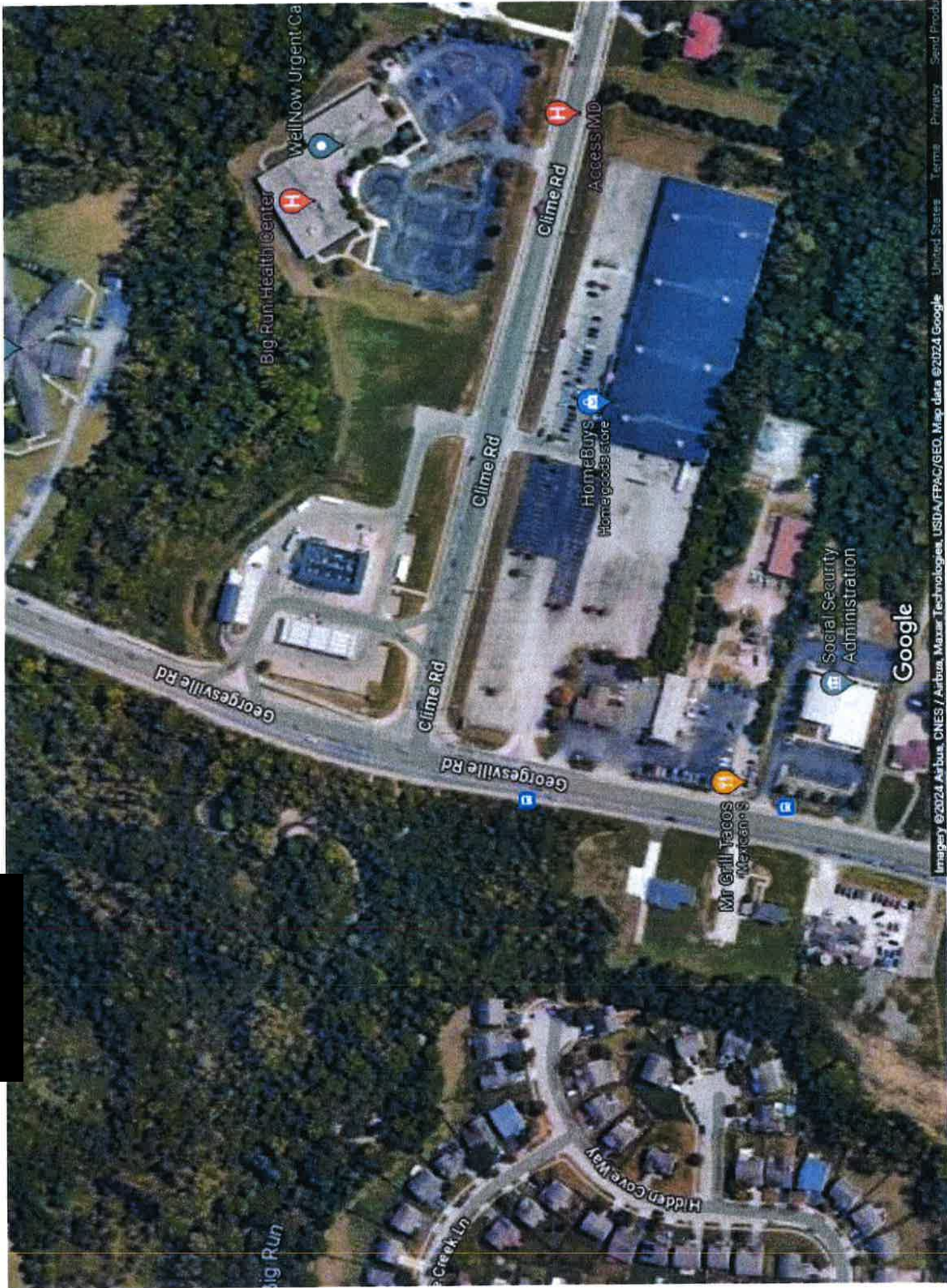
1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct 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.
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5-29-2024 10:39AM
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