

CUYAHOGA CNTY SHERIFF



Incident Number

21-20175418

Investigative Report

Title / Subject: FIELD INTERVIEW BRUCE

12/12/21

WITNESS: BRUCE SMITH #2328

D.O.O. 12/12/21

On the above date and time Detectives Roberts and Harvey spoke with Bruce Smith #2328 who is a member of the City of Cleveland Division of Police.

Smith stated he had just got of shift at the 3rd District (7a-3p) and was heading home. Smith said he was traveling eastbound on Superior Ave. and observed a male acting erratic when a zone car pulled up. Smith reports he observed the male had made two steps up onto the curb and seen the male had a gun. Smith states he was unsure if the zone car had seen the male had a gun. Smith reports he could not hear what was going on because he had his windows up, but observed the male throwing his hands in the air then sets the gun down on the ground and lifts up his hands back up. Smith continues to state that the officers began to approach and take cover. Smith states at that point he was only focused on the male with the gun and not what the officers were doing. Smith reports that he knew the male did not put the gun very far away and suddenly goes for the gun and started unloading shots. Smith stated he then got out of his truck, pulled out his duty weapon and took cover on the passenger side front end of his truck as there was still shots going off. Smith reports he got to the hood of his vehicle and could see the male still firing shots at the officers. Smith reports at this point he is at full presentation with his duty weapon and seen the male fall and all shots ceased.

Smith reports Officer Grace gets in the zone car and he advised Officer Gulak to stay on the suspect as they made a slow approach using the zone car as cover. Smith reports at this point he is about half way across the street and they all move in on the suspect slowly. Smith states Officer Grace was giving verbal commands to the suspect with no response. Smith reports they rolled the suspect over, secured the gun and he placed him in handcuffs.

Detectives for clarification asked Smith what the exact location was when Officer Grace and Officer Gulak engaged the suspect and he responded by saying that they were further back then where the zone car (Out of camera view) was at now. Smith explained that they used the zone car as cover and pulled up slowly to engage the suspect. Detectives further confirmed the location of the suspect to be the southwest corner of Superior Ave. and East 12th Street. Lastly Detectives asked Smith if he fired his weapon and responded by saying "I did not fire my weapon at all".

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