



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



2024-0431

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 6042 Huntley Rd, Columbus,
OH

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer, Interview with Witness
Involves: James Poole (W)
Date of Activity: 02/07/2024
Activity Location: Columbus Police Department – Business – 120 Marconi Blvd.,
Columbus, OH 43215
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 20:05 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Columbus Police Officer (CPD) Officer (Ofc.) James Poole (Poole). The interview took place at the intersection of State Route 161 and interstate 71 and was audio recorded.

Poole 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 Road, Columbus, Ohio. Reportedly, Poole did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident.

Poole stated that he was working as a motorcycle traffic unit, riding vehicle R11 (motorcycle with sidecar) and responded to an officer in trouble call, stemming from a shooting and officer struck by a motor vehicle. Poole advised he was near the area and saw a blue vehicle matching the description, driving the wrong way in the traffic flow. Poole added that he activated his emergency lights and followed the vehicle and observed the blue vehicle strike two vehicles, head on.

Poole stated as he arrived at the crash scene, he observed the driver door open up and the driver step out and head to the rear of the car. Poole advised, he pulled his duty weapon and demanded the driver get on the ground. Poole added that he got off his motorcycle and the female driver, later identified as Holly Graham (Graham) who was bleeding, eventually complied with his demands. Poole added at that point, two other CPD officers (unknown to Poole), arrived on scene and handcuffed Graham. Poole stated he did a quick check of the vehicle to see if anyone else was in it, there was not,

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so he turned his attention to the drivers that Graham had struck.

Poole stated that he observed officers render aid to Graham and that was the end of his involvement in the incident.

The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

The interview concluded at approximately 20:14 hours.

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

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-02-07 Officer James Poole Interview