



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.

**Involves:** ██████████ (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/28/2024  
**Activity Location:** Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220  
**Author:** SA Craig Call

**Narrative:**

On May 28, 2024 at approximately 1436 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 # 05) from Franklin Township Police Department (FTP) ██████████ 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, Kate Harshman, 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 # 04) 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.)*

In reference to the incident and events immediately surrounding the shooting, ██████████ wrote the following:

*"At just after 6:00pm on May 12th, I was at 1400 Harrisburg Pike near the intersection of Harrisburg Pike and Briggs Road. An “officer in trouble” call came over the Columbus Police Department (CPD) radio. I heard several units, including CPD Wagon ██████████, be dispatched to an address. It was my understanding from the radio traffic that the suspect had been involved in an active shooter event. Details started to be radioed over Franklin County Sheriff’s channel as well. I saw CPD Wagon ██████████ drive past my location south with lights and sirens. I followed the wagon south on Harrisburg Pike/US 62 and turned right (west) onto Clime Road. As we passed*

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near to the Franklin Township Police Department, located at 2193 Frank Road, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Franklin Township Cruiser [REDACTED] began to follow me. The radio traffic updated the suspects location– eastbound on Hall Road and then Georgesville Road headed north. It was aired that the suspect was stopped in the number 2 northbound lane of Georgesville Road at a light at the intersection of Clime Road.

As we neared the intersection of Clime Road and Georgesville Road, there was a white Toyota Corolla stopped at a red light in the number 2 northbound lane. The wagon turned left (south) onto Georgesville Road and the made a U–turn so that they were behind the suspect vehicle. I could see the suspect’s face clearly and it looked like he was going to take off. In order to stop an extended pursuit, I made the split–second decision to block the suspect vehicle. I began to turn left (south) into the northbound lane and put the nose of my cruiser (pointing south/southwest) to the nose of the suspect vehicle (pointing north) so that he would be unable to drive forward. The suspect vehicle and I were close to the southeast corner of the intersection. Cruiser [REDACTED] stopped behind me and the CPD vehicle was directly behind the suspect vehicle.

I exited the cruiser and drew my weapon pointing it in the direction of the suspect vehicle between my open cruiser door and front window. I saw the suspect (male black wearing dark clothing) on the driver’s side of his vehicle (the white sedan) and I heard gunshots. I ducked down behind my door. The suspect’s car must have not been in park because it rolled into my cruiser. I remember seeing a firearm in the suspect’s right hand, but I do not know if I saw him shoot at the CPD officers. There was a lot of gun fire and I did hear an officer say that he was hit. This all happened basically at the same time in just a few seconds. At first, I thought the suspect was going to run west and I was very concerned about the possibility of crossfire, but he headed around the back of his car and headed east instead. When he ran to the east, he was very close to me, probably 10–15 feet. I fired. At the time, I believed I fired 4 to 5 times. I stopped firing when the suspect fell to the ground.

[REDACTED] and I approached the suspect while ordering him to put up his hands. The suspect was not responding. When we approached the suspect, I saw gun in his right hand– a black semiautomatic weapon that appeared to me to be a Hi–Point. I took the gun and moved it several feet away from the suspect. Other officers, including [REDACTED], cuffed, and rendered aid to the suspect. I had no further involvement with the incident. I went back to the Police Department to wait for my FOP representation.

I now know that I fired seven (7) times. I fired using two hands from a standing position. I do not believe I used my sights. I fired first from cover and then with no cover. I was approximately 10 to 15 feet from the suspect when I fired. I fired in a south/southeast direction towards the suspect’s center of mass as he was running east still armed. At the time I fired, the suspect had been involved in an active shooter incident, was still armed, and I knew an officer had been hit. I do not remember if the suspect was actively shooting at the time. My backdrop was the empty lot behind the suspect that went on for quite a distance.

I stopped firing when the suspect dropped to the ground. The time between my cruiser parking at the scene and the suspect falling to the ground was approximately 15–30 seconds. There was no opportunity to use a taser or other less than deadly methods, as the suspect was engaged in deadly force and I did not have the time, cover, or distance necessary to

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*effectively deploy other weapons.*

*When I fired, I did not believe that I had any other reasonable alternative other than to fire to protect the CPD officers from imminent danger of death or severe bodily harm as I believed the suspect had fired at officers, one said he had been hit, and knew the suspect was still armed. I also did not believe I had any other alternative other than to fire to protect the other Franklin Township officers or myself, who could have also been harmed or killed if the suspect decided to turn his fire towards us.*

*I now know the suspect's name was Ali Hamsa Yusuf. I do not remember having any prior interactions with the suspect personal or professional.*

*Upon review of the video of the incident, I can see clearly that the suspect had a gun pointed at the CPD officers in the northbound lanes of Georgesville Road during almost the entire incident. It is also clear that he fired at the CPD officers. The incident was much shorter than I had first thought. Other than that, the video did not materially alter my recollection of events."*

██████████ agreed to answer some clarifying follow up questions about the incident.

██████████ was asked if he could recall any additional specifics about the original dispatch or radio traffic he observed making him aware there was an incident to respond to. ██████████ had access to CPD's radio traffic and Franklin County West radio traffic during his response to the incident. ██████████ recalled the original dispatch provided a specific address where detectives needed help with a shooting suspect. ██████████ remembered hearing radio traffic indicating the involved subject was moving in a vehicle on Hall Road. ██████████ recalled the involved subject vehicle to be a white Toyota with a license plate number, however he could not recall the number from memory. ██████████ said the information provided for the involved subject was a Black male. ██████████ did not recall any specifics related to the original shooting being dispatch, just that detectives were following a vehicle being operated by a subject involved in a shooting.

██████████ was asked what his vantage point was when he decided to block the involved subject vehicle. ██████████ described observing Ali grab the steering wheel of the Toyota while the uniformed cruisers were surrounding him and ██████████ believed he was going to attempt to flee. ██████████ indicated he chose to block Ali's path to avoid a potential pursuit. ██████████ later added Ali left the vehicle before putting it into park, which is the reason it came into contact with his cruiser.

██████████ was asked if he actually saw Ali fire shots. ██████████ explained he ducked behind his door when Ali produced a firearm because he was in a potential "crossfire" with the CPD officers and Ali. ██████████'s statement does note the above and that ██████████ fired at Ali as he was fleeing from a shooting incident and still armed based off of his visual observations.

SA Call read the following aloud from ██████████'s statement and asked him if the information was true and accurate:

*"When I fired, I did not believe that I had any other reasonable alternative other than to fire to*

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██████████ confirmed the above paragraph was true and accurate.

██████████ was provided with two visual exhibits (A and B), with A being a recent overhead Google Maps view of the intersection of Georgesville and Clime Road and B being an overhead view of the crime scene completed by BCI's crime scene unit. Exhibit A was used for reference only and exhibit B was for ██████████ to identify approximate locations based on the questions asked. Using exhibit B, ██████████ was asked to mark his approximate location at the time fired. ██████████ marked his location with a "█" near the driver's side FTPD Cruiser ██████████. ██████████ was asked to mark Ali's approximate location when ██████████ fired. ██████████ marked Ali's location with an "S" near a grassy area to the east of the intersection of Georgesville and Clime Road. ██████████ was asked if he could mark the location of any other officers he observed fire at the time. ██████████ responded all the additional gunfire he observed was audible only.

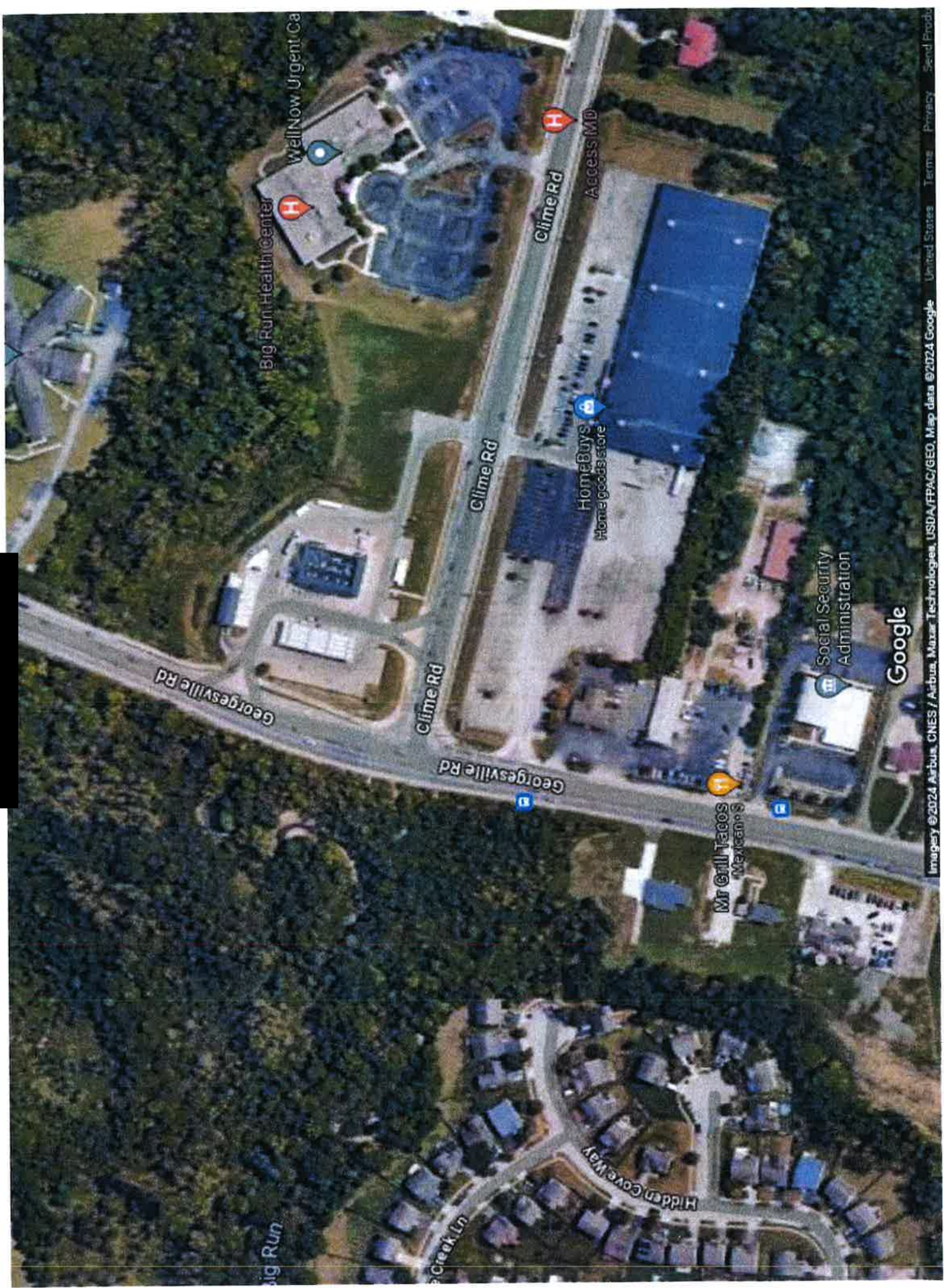
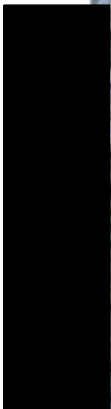
The interview concluded at approximately 1448 hours.

**Attachments:**

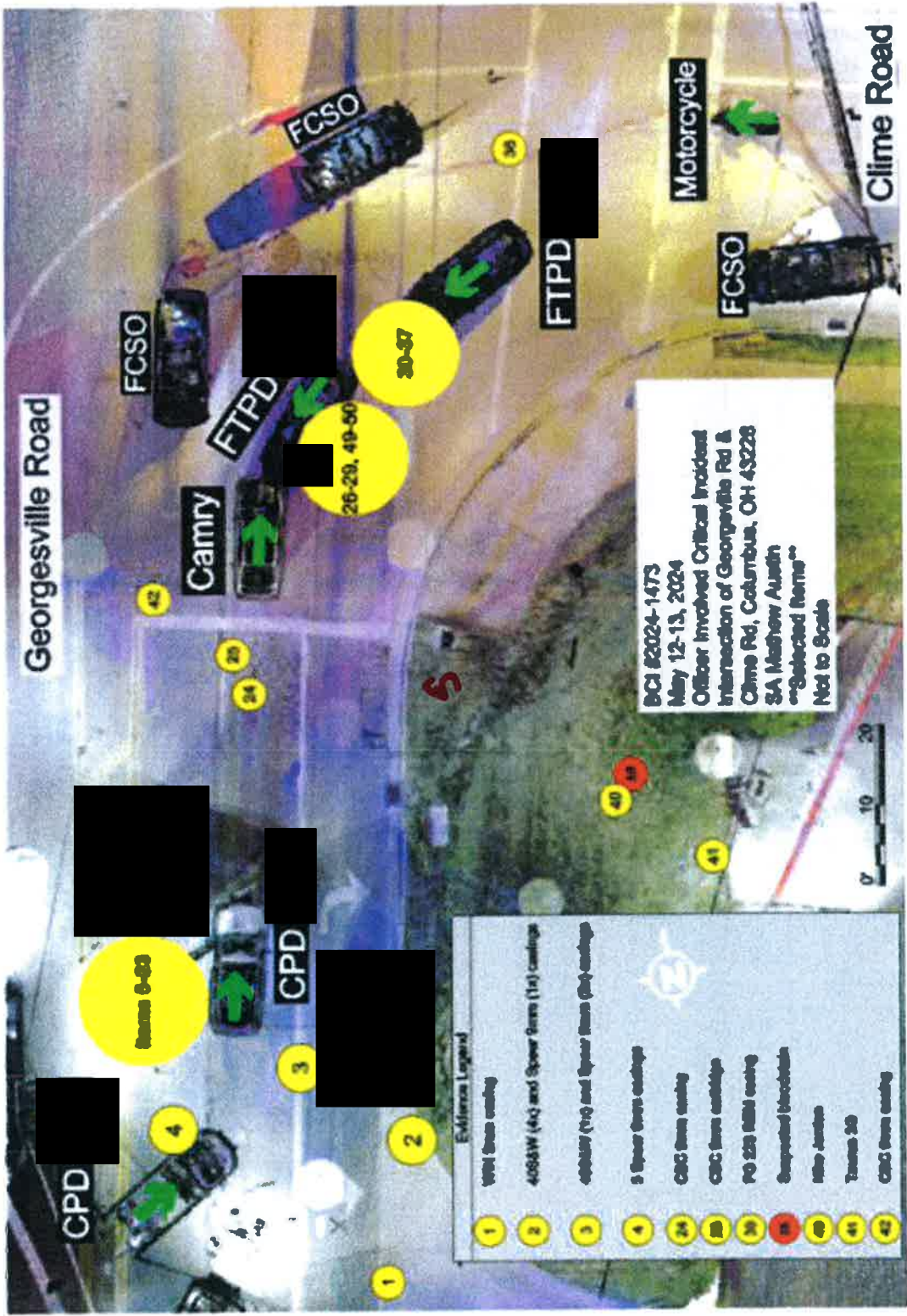
- Attachment # 01: FTPD ██████████ Visual exhibit A
- Attachment # 02: FTPD ██████████ Visual exhibit B
- Attachment # 03: FTPD ██████████ CIN
- Attachment # 04: FTPD ██████████ Signed Statement
- Attachment # 05: FTPD ██████████ Interview

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Clime Road

DCI #2024-1473  
 May 12-13, 2024  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident  
 Intersection of Georgesville Rd &  
 Clime Rd, Columbus, OH 43228  
 SA Matthew Auerth  
 "Selected Name"  
 Not to Scale

**Evidence Legend**

1	WVI Scene marking
2	4068SW (4x) and Spear Bars (1x) castings
3	4068WV (1x) and Spear Bars (2x) castings
4	3 Spear Bars castings
24	CBC Scene casting
28	CBC Scene castings
36	PG 228 SEM casting
38	Suspected bloodstain
40	WVI Junction
41	Traffic Sign
42	CBC Scene casting

CPD

Barons 8-00

CPD

Camry

FTPD

FCSO

[Redacted]

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FCSO

Motorcycle

26-29, 49-50

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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.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

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S \_\_\_\_\_

5/28/24 1430  
Date / Time

SA. T. Craig Call  
BCI Agent (Printed)

SA. T. C. Call  
BCI Agent (Signature)

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

This statement is regarding my involvement in an officer involved shooting that occurred on Sunday, May 12, 2024, between 6:00 and 6:30pm.

I have worked with the Franklin Township Police Department full-time for approximately [REDACTED]. I previously worked for the Township in a part-time capacity for about a year prior to becoming full-time. I also previously held a reserve commission with the Township for a year beginning in 2013. I previously worked for the State in the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) as an agent from 2001-2005. I am not a veteran nor am I a member of the armed forces. My regular assignment is Patrol. My [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On Sunday, May 14, 2024, I was [REDACTED]. I was driving Cruiser [REDACTED]. I had no partner.

At the time of this incident, I was dressed in the patrol uniform of the day. I wear an external carrier which identifies me as a police officer. I was armed with a department-issued Smith and Wesson MMP 9mm with standard department-issued ammunition. My weapon has a TLR-1-HL light made by Streamlight. I am current in my range qualifications with my sidearm and light. I was not carrying any backup weapons.

I am right-hand dominant. I was in good health at the time of this incident. 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 had not consumed alcohol or drugs in the twenty-four (24) hour time period prior to this incident. I had not worked special duty for the twenty-four (24) hour time period prior to the incident. I had plenty of sleep prior to my shift. I was not under any unusual stress. I do not wear a hearing aid, nor do I have any problems with my hearing. I do not wear glasses, nor do I have any problems with my sight.



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