



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – Interstate 270 Northbound on
Big Walnut Creek Bridge, Columbus (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Chief Deputy Jim Gilbert (W)
Date of Activity: 03/09/2021
Author: SA James A. Mulford, #39

Narrative:

On March 09, 2021 at approximately 0827 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jim Mulford interviewed Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Chief Deputy Jim Gilbert (Chief Deputy Gilbert) in his office. The interview was conducted to gain more knowledge regarding a fatal shooting incident between Andrew Teague (Teague) and members of the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO).

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Chief Deputy Gilbert explained he was attending roll call on the afternoon of March 05, 2021, when he was informed of a fleeing suspect evading officers from the Columbus Division of Police. The individual was identified as Teague who was wanted for a felonious assault warrant. Chief Deputy Gilbert was also notified that Teague had previously fled from Blendon Township Police Department in February of 2021.

Chief Deputy Gilbert left the substation and headed towards the direction of the pursuit. The pursuit continued for quite some time with Teague driving at a high rate of speed throughout the city of Columbus. Officers and deputies attempted multiple times to deploy stop sticks with no success. Chief Deputy Gilbert stated the pursuit was called off by CPD do to the danger to citizens. The CPD helicopter followed Teague throughout the entire pursuit and continued to maintain a visual after the pursuit had initially ended.

Teague was later seen on Interstate 270 (I-270) near the 256 exit by FCSO deputies and officers from the Mifflin Township Police Department. Deputies radioed they witnessed Teague in possession of a handgun. Law enforcement re-initiated pursuit with Teague failing to comply. Teague then traveled the wrong way into oncoming traffic on I-270. Again, due to Teague's reckless actions, Chief Deputy Gilbert cancelled the pursuit because of the danger to

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public. FCSO Deputy Michael Severance (Deputy Severance) was close behind Teague when the pursuit was ended, but continued in the same direction as Teague with the intent of turning around as soon as possible. Teague then crashed into multiple vehicles on the interstate and exited his vehicle. A confrontation between Teague and law enforcement ensues with shots being fired.

Chief Deputy Gilbert reported he arrived on scene immediately after the shots were fired. He witnessed Teague lying handcuffed on the road with Deputy Severance performing CPR. Chief Deputy Gilbert stated he immediately started securing the scene, identifying witnesses, and notifying his superiors about the incident.

Chief Deputy Gilbert had no further information. He provided SA Mulford with a DVD containing the dashcam video from Deputy Severance's assigned patrol vehicle. That DVD is maintained in the physical case file under evidence reference only item #05.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-03-05 FCSO Chief Gilbert Interview

References:

05 - DVD FCSO Deputy Sererance Dash Camera- RK1