

FACT SHEET: Columbus Division of Police Police-Involved Shooting 2/7/2024

Per Columbus City Code and Division of Police policy, the February 7, 2024, police-involved shooting will be independently investigated by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). To aid the media and public in gaining a clear understanding of the chain of events documented in these public records, we provide the following supporting information, which is not a matter of factual dispute.

This incident began with a call to Columbus Police from a male reporting that he located his stolen vehicle in the 1700 block of East Dublin Granville Rd.

Initial Stop 184 – Redacted

At 0:47 into the cruiser video system (CVS) footage, officers are informed that the vehicle is a bright blue Toyota Corolla being driven by a white male wearing a bandana. At 3:41 into the video, the officers identify the vehicle in a parking lot and attempt to block the parking lot entranceway, but the suspect escapes. The officers then turn around and follow the suspect eastbound on East Dublin Granville Rd. At this point, neither lights nor sirens have been engaged while following the suspect. Moments later, the officers begin to follow the suspect through a residential area for several minutes. At 5:28 into the video, the officers activate their lights and siren and attempt to stop the vehicle on Sharon Woods Blvd near Fairhaven Rd but the suspect fails to stop. At 5:50 into the cruiser video system, the officers deactivate their lights and siren and do not pursue the vehicle. At the 10:21 mark of the video, the suspect drives back down East Dublin Granville Rd heading west.

Car 12 Front Camera

As you will see in the cruiser video system (CVS) footage from Car 12 at 1:49 into the video, the two officers follow the vehicle in the left turning lane at East Dublin Granville Rd and North Meadows Blvd. The officers activate their lights and siren and attempt to stop the vehicle in the parking lot of the Sheetz gas station. The driver, rather calmly, then leads the officers in and around the gas station parking lot and parking lots of other local businesses for several more minutes. At 3:13 into the video the officers attempt another traffic stop but the driver continues to evade the officers as she drives in circles around the Sheetz parking lot. At the 4:31 mark of the video, the suspect drives onto the main road just to return to the Sheetz parking lot moments later.

At 5:16 into the video, the officers decide to block one of the entrances to the Sheetz parking lot, in an attempt to confine the suspect. At 5:43 a call for stop sticks is heard over the radio. The suspect continues to circle the lot before stopping at gas pump #5 just long enough for the officers to pull up behind her. She then drove off, once again. At the 7:06 mark, the suspect drives back to North Meadows Blvd headed northbound and crosses the street to enter the Auto Zone parking lot. The officers follow the suspect who then drives back onto the East Dublin Granville Rd service road. Shortly thereafter, the suspect is located at the Shell gas station at the corner of East Dublin Granville Rd and Sinclair Rd. At 9:12, the officers

attempt another traffic stop on the suspect, who drives a short distance, speaks with a woman pumping gas and drives off once again. At this time, you can see another cruiser blocking one of two entranceways to the gas station. The suspect continues to circle the lot until she drives right past the cruiser that is partially blocking the second entranceway. The suspect narrowly avoids striking a fourth cruiser that has responded to the scene.

At 10:19, the suspect is seen driving erratically across East Dublin Granville Rd and into the Huntley Square parking lot. At 10:59 in the video, the suspect can be seen driving erratically throughout the parking lot.

Involved Officer BWC Video – Redacted

At 3:36, the sergeant involved arrives at the Huntley Square parking lot, exits his vehicle and sees the suspect attempting to exit the parking lot. The sergeant approaches the suspect along with other officers. As he runs toward the suspect vehicle, the suspect backs away from the officers who are deploying stop sticks at the entranceway of the parking lot. As the sergeant nears the vehicle, the suspect backs up even farther. The sergeant steps in front of the vehicle, draws his weapon, and verbally orders the driver to “stop the car” twice. At this time, the suspect forcefully drives toward the sergeant, striking him. The sergeant then discharged his weapon while on the hood of the moving vehicle.

JDickson BWC Video – Redacted

At 4:42 into the video, you see the officer and his partner exit their cruiser to set up ‘stop sticks’ in the northwest exit to the Shell gas station, located at the corner of East Dublin Granville Road and Sinclair Road. The officers get in their cruiser after the vehicle exits the east entrance and travels northbound onto Huntley Road. At 6:35 into the video, the officer and his partner exit their cruiser at the Huntley Square parking lot and you see two officers deploy ‘stop sticks’ at one of the entrances. At 6:45 into the video you see the suspect’s vehicle drive in reverse, away from the officers. At 6:50 into the video you see the suspect’s vehicle begin to drive forward and turn into the sergeant. It is at this time the sergeant is struck by the vehicle and discharges his firearm while on the hood of the vehicle. At 7:10 into the video the officer and his partner run back to their cruiser and drive after the suspect, who drives away by traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of East Dublin Granville Rd. At 8:08 into the video you hear the officer say “he 5’d out,” indicating the suspect’s vehicle was just involved in a traffic crash. At 8:13 into the video you see the officer exit his cruiser and run towards the suspect, who is lying on the roadway with a motorcycle officer holding them at gunpoint. The video then shows the officers secure the suspect and begin to render medical aid. At 9:34 into the video you hear the suspect say, “I didn’t mean to fucking hit the motherfucker.”

JPoole BWC Video

At 0:59 into the video you hear an officer on the radio say “there is shots fired now,” at this time the officer proceeds to activate his lights and siren and travel westbound on East Dublin Granville Road. At 1:35 into the video the officer slows down the motorcycle, and to the left side of the video, you see the suspect’s vehicle drive by the motorcycle on the wrong side of the road, nearly missing the officer. The

officer turns the motorcycle around and drives after the suspect. Around the 1:59-2:01 mark of the video, the officer's camera has some sort of technical glitch and jumps forward a second or two. At 2:05 into the video the officer pulls their firearm and points it at the suspect, who is standing outside of the vehicle. The officer stops their motorcycle and orders the suspect down to the ground at gunpoint. At 2:20 into the video two officers arrive on scene and take the suspect into custody. At 2:55 into the video the officer begins to check on the drivers of the two vehicles the suspect hit head-on (one of them is lying in the roadway and the other is still sitting inside their vehicle). At 3:03 into the video the officer requests two medics come to the scene of the accident and apprehension.

Miss Graham has been charged with Felonious Assault and is currently in police custody at the hospital.