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To: Gary Tyack, Franklin County Prosecutor  
From: John Butterworth, Special Agent, Ohio BCI  
Date: August 9, 2022  
Involves: Pozz Striblin, FCSO Deputy [REDACTED] FCSO Deputy [REDACTED]  
BCI Case Numbers: 2022-1251  
BCI Laboratory: 22-15354

**Investigative Request**

On Tuesday, June 07, 2022, Sgt. Billy Duffer of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) in conducting an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting incident. The incident reportedly occurred on June 7, 2022, in the area of 2280 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH, and resulted in the death of Pozz Adrian Striblin.

*Preface:*

This report serves as a synopsis of the investigation into the June 7, 2022, officer-involved shooting in Franklin County, Ohio. This report only summarizes the information that the investigative team determined to be the most useful in achieving an overall understanding of what occurred in this incident. Every fact and detail is not presented in this summary report. Therefore, it is recommended that each individual report from which this document is derived be read in order to obtain a complete understanding of this investigation. Further, audio and/or video recordings exist for the majority of the interviews conducted, revealing further details of statements given regarding the incident.

*This investigation was conducted with the purpose of determining, to the extent possible, the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. As unbiased collectors of fact, the investigative team has not and will not render any opinion of the legality of officers' actions. Instead, it is anticipated that this investigation will provide the basis of information for decisions to be rendered by the appropriate authorities.*



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**Investigative Team**

Lead BCI Special Agent:

- SA John Butterworth

Assisting Investigative BCI Special Agents:

- SA Todd Fortner
- SA Matt Collins
- SA David Wieging

BCI Crime Scene Special Agents:

- SA Shawn Rowley
- SA Matthew Austin
- SA Aja Chung

BCI Investigative Supervisor:

- Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau

**Summary of Process**

The following is a partial list of investigative activities or methods which were employed during the course of this investigation, by the investigative team, in an effort to thoroughly and accurately locate and document all pertinent facts and circumstances regarding this incident:

- Recorded interview(s) of the two officers who discharged their weapons
- Recorded interviews of one officer who was involved in the incident, at the scene, or otherwise deemed to potentially have relevant information
- Neighborhood canvass of the area surrounding the scene
- Recorded interview(s) of the involved subject and others subjects directly involved in the incident
- Interviews of civilian witnesses to the incident
- Interviews of first responders or medical personnel
- Interviews of family members or associates of the subject
- Obtained and reviewed post-mortem examination (autopsy) and toxicology reports
- Obtained and reviewed police reports of prior law enforcement contacts with the subject
- Obtained and reviewed open and closed-source biographical information on the involved subjects, to include criminal history reports, OHLEG, driving records, etc.



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- FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) checks on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine if reported stolen)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) trace on any non-law enforcement weapons involved in the incident (to determine ownership history)
- Review of all available body cameras involved in the incident
- Review of all available surveillance video which captured any portion of the incident
- Processing of the scene for potential evidence (photographing, searching, measuring, documenting, and collecting)
- 3D scans / model of incident area
- Processing of involved vehicle(s) for potential evidence
- Reviewed audio communications on the radio frequencies utilized during the incident
- Review of 911/phone communications related to the incident
- Review of dispatch/CAD records pertaining to the incident
- Review of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) communications relative to the incident
- Review of the department's reports, photographs, and investigative materials pertaining to the incident, excluding any Garrity statements or information derived from any compelled statement
- Conducted forensic laboratory examinations to include:
  1. Firearm identification testing of involved firearms, casings, and bullets
  2. Firearm operability testing
- Collected and reviewed the departmental personnel files of the officers involved in the shooting, to include training and disciplinary records (if any)
- Verified the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification status of the officer(s) who discharged their weapons
- Obtained the department's policies and procedures regarding use of force for prosecutorial review
- Enhancement of audio/video recordings through the assistance of SA Collins
- Reviewed EMS records pertaining to their response and the treatment administered

### **Incident Summary/Overview**

*The following information is based on the review/s of radio traffic, 911 calls, dash cameras, body worn cameras, witness statements and officer's statements.*



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On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, deputies assigned to Franklin County Sheriff's Office SWAT were conducting a surveillance operation on a subject known to them as Pozz Adrian Striblin. Striblin's name, personal identifying information and investigative information were passed along to SWAT deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau. Striblin had an active felony warrant for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender from a Franklin County court. Information provided to SWAT also named Striblin as a suspect in a double murder investigation that Franklin County Sheriff's Office detectives were actively working. FCSO detectives wanted to speak with Striblin regarding the murder investigation, and requested SWAT to locate Striblin and arrest him for the active warrant, and to notify the detective bureau so they could speak to Striblin about the murders.

Shortly after 1730 hours, Deputy [REDACTED] arrived at 3659 Foraker Drive, Columbus, OH, to conduct surveillance on the residence in an attempt to locate Striblin. During the course of the surveillance, Deputy [REDACTED] observed a subject leaving the residence that matched the description of Striblin, and was wearing a mask over their face. Deputy [REDACTED] described the subject as matching the description of Striblin; the person was a Black male, noticeably short, wearing a black t-shirt, dark jeans and a black ski mask over his head/face. Deputy [REDACTED] radioed to other SWAT members to respond to the location as he believed he had spotted Striblin. Deputy [REDACTED] observed Striblin go into and out of the house several times and observed Striblin smoking something on the front porch. Deputy [REDACTED] placed a request for the Columbus Police Department helicopter to respond to the area in case Striblin tried to run away when deputies approached. The active felony warrant was also confirmed through the sheriff's office records division which was aired via the radio to deputies from Sgt. Snider, according to Deputy [REDACTED]

Deputy [REDACTED] eventually observed Striblin exit the residence with another Black male wearing a red shirt and watched the two of them sit on the front porch. They both were observed going into and out of the residence a couple of times by Deputy [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] also observed a female with reddish hair exit the residence and recognized her as Erin Wiggins, Striblin's girlfriend. Deputy [REDACTED] confirmed the female was Wiggins by observing a photo of her utilizing a law enforcement database. While checking the photograph of Wiggins, the Black male wearing the red shirt got into a Nissan Altima that was sitting in the driveway of the residence. The Nissan pulled out of the driveway and drove by Deputy [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] observed, in the car, a female in the rear driver's side seat as well as the outline of a shoulder and head of someone in the front passenger seat. The person in the front passenger seat appeared to be laying back in the seat. Deputy [REDACTED] grabbed his binoculars and attempted to obtain the license plate on the vehicle, but was unable to do so. When the vehicle stopped at the intersection of Foraker Drive



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and Stelzer Road, Deputy ██████ observed a Black arm and sleeve of a black shirt hanging out of the front passenger window and believed it was Striblin in the front passenger seat.

Surveillance was conducted on the vehicle until it pulled into the Sunoco gas station at 2280 Stelzer Road where the vehicle was observed parked in front of the Mini-Mart doors. Deputy ██████ observed Striblin get out of the vehicle, with the mask still on, and go into the store. The decision was made that deputies would attempt a felony stop and box in the car to prevent it from fleeing. The other subjects from the vehicle stayed in the vehicle. Striblin was observed coming out of the store and getting back into the vehicle. Deputy ██████ driving his unmarked SUV and Deputy ██████ driving his unmarked SUV pulled behind the Nissan and blocked it in. Deputy ██████ had activated the emergency lights on the SUV and chirped the siren upon pulling behind the Nissan.

Deputies exited their vehicles and drew their weapons while yelling “Sheriff’s Office” and ordering the occupants to put their hands out of the windows. Deputies were wearing outer tactical vests that had “Sheriff” and/or “Sheriff SWAT” on them. Upon ordering people out of the car, Deputy ██████ overheard Deputy ██████ repeatedly yelling “show me your right hand” which Deputy ██████ believed, and later confirmed by Deputy ██████ was being yelled at Striblin. As Deputy ██████ was getting the driver of the vehicle out of the car, he observed Striblin in the front passenger seat, crouched down turning his head left and right quickly which caused Deputy ██████ to divert away from the driver of the vehicle. Striblin stepped out of the vehicle in a crouched position with his hands near his stomach. Deputy ██████ and Deputy ██████ observed Striblin quickly run around the front passenger side and then around the front of the car headed west.

As Striblin was running and was in a crouched position, Deputy ██████ observed Striblin having what he believed to be a gun in his right hand. Deputy ██████ observed Striblin with what he described as a “black, semi-automatic handgun in his right hand” as Striblin ran past the driver’s side of the car. Deputies ordered Striblin to “drop the weapon” but he did not comply. Deputy ██████ stated that as Striblin took a few steps past the driver’s side of the car, he turned, looked at Deputy ██████ and while turning his torso to his left, toward Deputy ██████ pointed the barrel of the gun at him. Deputy ██████ reported to observe the same left turning motion, however, he could not observe the location of the gun as it was behind Striblin’s torso. Striblin’s motions and location of the gun caused Deputy ██████ to believe Striblin intended to shoot him. Deputy ██████ and Deputy ██████ fired their weapons, striking Striblin, causing him to fall to the sidewalk. The shots fired from the deputies were fatal, causing the death of Striblin.





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Deputies approached Striblin and observed a handgun in his right hand with his index finger inside the trigger guard. Deputy ██████ removed the index finger from the trigger guard and slid the gun several feet away, then placed Striblin in handcuffs. Deputies provided aid to Striblin until the arrival of medics and other law enforcement personnel that secured the scene.

**Subsequent Investigation**

**Physical Evidence and Laboratory Reports**



*BCI CSU Photo SDR\_0019; Overall of scene, facing Northwest.*

BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) agents processed the scene and noted the following:

*“The overall scene consisted of gas station and “Mini Mart” along with other business properties. A large parking lot with gas pumps extended to Armuth Ave. A large portion of Stelzer Rd. was closed off by uniformed deputies/cruisers from various agencies limiting all access to the Sunoco gas station and attached businesses.”*

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*“The parking lot near the main entrance to the Mini Mart consisted of two Ford Explorers (OH plates HHC6403 & HMP8489) positioned behind a blue Nissan (OH plate JTB8987). A blue Toyota was parked to the left (as facing) the entrance (OH-FRQ3794) and a black Dodge Challenger to the right with no visible registration. The parking lot had several traffic cones near the entrance of the store that protected cartridge casings located by law enforcement. SA Rowley observed the body of Striblin on the sidewalk covered with a white sheet. Medical intervention supplies were near an entrance door next to the body. A black hood and black shirt that showed signs of medical cutting/tearing were on the sidewalk above the head of Striblin (item 2).”*

*“A black handgun was observed near the exterior entrance door, next to a propane storage tank display. The handgun was collected as item 1 and is described as a Smith & Wesson M&P .45 caliber pistol (S/N JDY0131). The magazine was missing the baseplate and had an exposed spring extending from the magazine. The bottom of the grip was also damaged and appeared to have been stuck by gunfire. The magazine contained six cartridges; three cartridges had a headstamp of Hornady 45 and three others were Winchester 45 auto. A cartridge was in the chamber of the firearm and had a headstamp of Hornady 45. The baseplate was collected as item 10 and was located on the sidewalk edge, next to Striblin.”*



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*Weapon recovered from the scene, which was possessed by Striblin*

The BCI Firearms Section performed an analysis of the officers' firearms, as well as the firearm-related evidence collected from the scene, vehicles, and autopsies (casings and bullets). By comparing evidentiary cartridge casings/projectiles to known standards from each weapon, identifications were able to be made as to which casings/projectiles were fired from each firearm. Of the casings/projectiles recovered, the following identifications were made:

The actual reports should be viewed for additional information. However, the lab report summary indicated the Staccato pistol, serial number [REDACTED] fired two bullets recovered from Striblin's body during autopsy. In addition to the bullets recovered, this pistol was identified to have matched six fired 9mm Luger cartridge casings. Staccato pistol, serial number [REDACTED] was identified to match eight fired 9mm Luger cartridge cases. One fired bullet removed from Striblin's body during the autopsy was found inconclusive as one as one fired bullet jacket fragment. One lead fragment and one fired bullet jacket fragment were unsuitable for comparison.

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Post-Mortem Examination / Autopsy Report

The autopsy report for the decedent (Pozz Adrian Striblin) was obtained from the Franklin County Coroner's Office. A review of those documents revealed the following information:

[REDACTED]

Investigative Interviews

The following information comprises extremely abbreviated versions of the statements made by the witness and/or participants of this incident deemed by the author to be of most relevance to the overall understanding of the incident. More detailed accounts can be found by reading the separate reports written by the interviewers and by reviewing the recordings of each interview, including those not synopsised below.

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

Deputy [REDACTED] was conducting surveillance at 3659 Foraker Drive, Columbus, OH, attempting to locate Pozz Striblin. Information was provided from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau to the SWAT supervisors regarding Striblin having an active warrant for failure to register and a suspect in a double murder investigation. Deputy [REDACTED] along with other SWAT members were provided the information about Striblin and conducted research utilizing law enforcement databases to locate locations to look for Striblin. Deputy [REDACTED] observed who he believed to be Striblin exit the residence on Foraker Drive along with other individuals and get into a Nissan Altima that was parked at the residence. Deputy [REDACTED] radioed other SWAT members and supervisors to let them know he had observed Striblin exit the residence and get into the Altima. A request for a Columbus Police Department helicopter had been made and one was sent to the area to assist if Striblin ran from deputies. The Nissan Altima then left the residence with Striblin believed to be the front passenger of the car.

Deputy [REDACTED] radioed to the other deputies to provide updates to the location and direction of travel for the Altima. Deputy [REDACTED] then followed the Altima, providing location updates to the other deputies. The Altima eventually stopped at the Sunoco gas station and Mini-Mart at 2280 Stelzer Road. Deputy [REDACTED] radioed the location to the other deputies who were still on their way to assist. Deputy [REDACTED] observed the Altima parked in front of the Mini-Mart and watched who he believed to be Striblin, as the subject matched Striblin's physical description, exit the Altima wearing a mask over his head and face. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were riding



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in the same vehicle, eventually made it to the Sunoco station and communications between Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] were made to conduct a felony stop on the vehicle when Striblin returns to the vehicle. Striblin exited the Mini-Mart, still wearing the mask covering his head and face, and got into the Altima in the front passenger seat. Deputy [REDACTED] driving his unmarked SUV and Deputy [REDACTED] driving his unmarked SUV pulled up to the Altima as it started backing from the parking spot. Deputy [REDACTED] according to Deputy [REDACTED] had activated his emergency lights and chirped the siren indicating the vehicle was a law enforcement vehicle.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he pulled up on the driver's side rear of the Altima and parked while Deputy [REDACTED] pulled up to the passenger's side rear of the Altima to block them in. Deputy [REDACTED] exited his vehicle, drew his weapon, yelled "Sheriff's Office" and began to give commands to the driver of the Altima as well as passengers to put their hands out of the windows. Deputy [REDACTED] reported that he could hear Deputy [REDACTED] yelling "show me your right hand" which he believed to be directed at Striblin. Deputy [REDACTED] began ordering the driver of the vehicle to get out, then place the car in park, and while doing so saw Striblin sitting in the front passenger seat of the vehicle moving his head left and right quickly in the direction of the front and rear of the vehicle. When hearing the orders to show the right hand, Deputy [REDACTED] said his attention was off the driver and toward the front passenger. Deputy [REDACTED] observed Striblin exit the front passenger seat in a crouched position with his hands near his stomach. He quickly ran around the front passenger door and around the front of the car.

As Striblin ran he was hunched down and as he neared the threshold of the front driver side of the car, Deputy [REDACTED] observed a black semi-automatic handgun in Striblin's right hand. Striblin's right arm was bent at about a ninety-degree angle and the weapon pointed downwards. Deputy [REDACTED] yelled "drop the weapon" several times but Striblin refused to comply. After taking a few steps past the car, Deputy [REDACTED] said Striblin looked at him, turned his torso to his left in Deputy [REDACTED]'s direction and pointed the barrel of the gun at him. Deputy [REDACTED] believed Striblin intended to shoot him and at that moment, Deputy [REDACTED] fired at Striblin. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he heard other gunshots as well but did not know who was firing. Deputy [REDACTED] said he stopped firing when Striblin fell to the ground.

When Striblin fell to the ground, he fell onto his stomach with his arms under his body. Deputy [REDACTED] ordered Striblin to show his hands and drop the weapon, but he did not move. While Deputy [REDACTED] covered Striblin, the other deputies secured the other occupants of the vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] radioed that shots were fired. A moment later, Deputy [REDACTED] joined Deputy [REDACTED] and covered while Deputy [REDACTED] secured Striblin in handcuffs. Deputy [REDACTED] stated the



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gun was still in the right hand of Striblin upon approaching him to secure him in handcuffs. Striblin's finger was inside the trigger guard as well. Deputy [REDACTED] removed Striblin's index finger from the trigger guard, slid the gun away from Striblin and secured him in handcuffs. First Aid was then started on Striblin, a medic was requested as well as additional officers to secure the scene.

Deputy [REDACTED] fired six shots during the shooting incident in rapid succession, in approximately less than two seconds, according to his estimation. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he feared for his life and the life of the other deputies at the time he fired his weapon. Deputy [REDACTED] knew Striblin to be known to carry a firearm and was believed to have committed a double homicide.

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

Deputy [REDACTED] was partnered with Deputy [REDACTED] and together had been working a probate along with Sgt. Snider and Satterfield. After working the probate, Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] worked an unrelated felony warrant. Deputy [REDACTED] was driving and Deputy [REDACTED] was in the passenger seat when Deputy [REDACTED] aired he was conducting surveillance at 3659 Foraker Drive, where someone wearing a ski mask was going in and out of the house. Deputy [REDACTED] said he recognized that the address was a potential address for Striblin as SWAT had received a BOLO (be on the lookout) for Striblin from the detective bureau. The information provided by the detective bureau said Striblin had a warrant for failure to register and was a suspect in a double homicide. The information also said Striblin should be considered armed and dangerous.

Deputy [REDACTED] began driving in the direction of Foraker Drive, and according to Deputy [REDACTED] they were about 15 to 20 minutes away from that location. Deputy [REDACTED] said he heard Deputy [REDACTED] air the description of the subject in the ski mask matching the physical description of Striblin. A female was also at the residence, believed to be Striblin's girlfriend. Deputy [REDACTED] said he heard Deputy [REDACTED] request a Columbus Police Department helicopter for assistance as well.

Deputy [REDACTED] said he and Deputy [REDACTED] attempted to set up surveillance on the Foraker residence from Venturi House, Deputy [REDACTED] missed the turn. Deputy [REDACTED] radioed at that time the Nissan Altima was leaving the residence driven by a Black male in a red shirt. Deputy [REDACTED] turned around on Stelzer Road and continued to Alan Used and New Tires and Brakes which sits directly across Stelzer Road from the Sunoco gas station. Deputy [REDACTED] observed he Nissan Altima parked in front of the Sunoco gas station (Mini-Mart).



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Deputy [REDACTED] said he and Deputy [REDACTED] talked via a radio backchannel to conduct a felony stop on the vehicle.

Deputy [REDACTED] pulled the unmarked SUV across the road to the Sunoco gas station and stopped in the parking lot. Striblin was observed leaving the gas station (Mini-Mart) still wearing the ski mask and got into the front passenger seat of the Nissan. Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] coordinated via the radio to conduct the felony stop. Deputy [REDACTED] parked the SUV within a few feet of the passenger side rear bumper, activated the (emergency) lights and chirped the siren. Deputy [REDACTED] pulled up to the driver's side bumper and parked his SUV in that location according to Deputy [REDACTED]

Deputy [REDACTED] said as soon as Deputy [REDACTED] parked the car, he exited and unholstered and drew his weapon. Walking northeast to position himself, Deputy [REDACTED] said he observed the passenger's side windows were down and he observed females in the backseat of the car. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he was yelling "Sheriff's Office, let me see your hands" while the other deputies were giving commands as well. Deputy [REDACTED] also stated he observed Striblin turn and look at him as he yelled for him to show his hands. Striblin did not show his hands and was scanning the area. Deputy [REDACTED] observed the passenger side door cracked open and Striblin reach for the door with his left hand. Deputy [REDACTED] thought this was odd for Striblin was sitting in the front passenger seat and the door was on his right.

Striblin quickly opened the passenger side door with his left hand and as he quickly exited the vehicle, Deputy [REDACTED] saw what he believed to be a gun in his right hand. Deputy [REDACTED] observed Striblin run in a crouched/slumped down position to the north and then west around the front of the vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] ran toward Striblin and as he reached the sidewalk, he was certain Striblin had a gun in his right hand. Deputy [REDACTED] believed he yelled "gun" or "he's got a gun" as Striblin continued to run west down the sidewalk. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he observed Striblin turn his body and right shoulder toward Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] said in his statement that originally Striblin was holding the gun pointed down. From his position, Deputy [REDACTED] thought Striblin was leveling the barrel of the gun at Deputy [REDACTED] and at that moment began firing his weapon. Deputy [REDACTED] heard other rounds being fired but did not know who was firing. Deputy [REDACTED] stopped firing when Striblin began to fall to the sidewalk in front of the gas station (Mini-Mart).

Deputy [REDACTED] observed Striblin fall on his stomach and he did not appear to be moving. Deputy [REDACTED] approached and secured Striblin, the weapon and aired for medics to respond according to Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] secured the two females from the vehicle as well as secured the



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driver. Deputy [REDACTED] retrieved his first aid kit and began rendering aid to Striblin. Deputy [REDACTED] was trying to talk to Striblin as Deputy [REDACTED] packed his wounds and maintained pressure on them.

Deputy [REDACTED] believed he fired six or seven shots, firing them in rapid succession in approximately less than two seconds. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he fired with a two-handed grip and did not believe he was using his sights. His target was Striblin's left side torso area as he had turned toward Deputy [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] estimated he was approximately 15 to 20 feet from Striblin when he fired in a westerly direction. Deputy [REDACTED] did not see any civilians in the backdrop.

Deputy [REDACTED] also said he knew Striblin was being sought for a warrant and as a suspect in a double homicide. At the time he fired his weapon, Deputy [REDACTED] said he was in fear for the life of Deputy [REDACTED] as he knew Striblin to be a person of interest in a homicide where someone was shot. Striblin ignored his commands and ran from the car with a gun in his hand. Immediately before firing, Deputy [REDACTED] said he believed Striblin raised his weapon toward Deputy [REDACTED] and intended to shoot and kill, or seriously injure Deputy [REDACTED] or others in the area.

**Deputy [REDACTED]**

Deputy [REDACTED] was the driver of the unmarked SUV that he and Deputy [REDACTED] were riding together in. Deputy [REDACTED] told BCI SA Matt Collins that he did not fire his weapon during the incident involving Striblin. He and Deputy [REDACTED] were working a warrant when Deputy [REDACTED] advised he had located Striblin. Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] responded to assist and while attempting to set up surveillance on the residence on Foraker, Deputy [REDACTED] radioed that Striblin was "on the move." Deputy [REDACTED] said he heard Deputy [REDACTED] radio that Striblin had pulled into the Sunoco gas station on Stelzer Road. He and Deputy [REDACTED] parked across the street to monitor Striblin before they pulled into the gas station. Deputy [REDACTED] eventually pulled into the gas station parking lot and then at a gas pump behind the vehicle Striblin was in.

Deputy [REDACTED] said he witnessed Striblin exit the store and get back into the vehicle which was parked in front of the store. He activated the red and blue lights, pulled up behind the vehicle to box it in. Deputy [REDACTED] described Deputy [REDACTED] pulling up his vehicle to his left and he recalled getting out and engaging the driver with verbal commands to get out of the car. Deputy [REDACTED] observed a female in the driver's side rear passenger seat. He continued to give the driver commands, ordering him to turn off the car and step out.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated Striblin was wearing all black clothing and a ski mask. He observed Striblin exit the passenger side, hunched down and running from right to left in front of the





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vehicle he had been in. As Striblin was running, Deputy ██████████'s view was obstructed by the driver and his door. Deputy ██████████ described there to be only a small window where he could see Striblin and described him as a blur otherwise. As Striblin was crossing in front of him, he did catch a glimpse of a gun in Striblin's right hand.

Deputy ██████████ stated he heard Deputy ██████████ and Deputy ██████████ yell "drop the gun, drop the gun" followed by multiple gunshots. Deputy ██████████ said he didn't fire his gun because of his line of sight and that line of sight not being clear. His attention was also on the driver and other passengers because he did not know if they too had weapons. Deputy ██████████ did say that he moved toward Striblin and covered him because he still had the gun on him and moving. Deputy ██████████ knocked the gun away from Striblin and he kicked it further away, toward the front of the store. While deputies ██████████ and ██████████ rendered aid, Deputy ██████████ secured the other occupants of the vehicle and he eventually relieved Deputy ██████████ and assisted with providing aid until medics arrived and took over care.

Deputy ██████████ described the gun as a black, semi-automatic handgun.

### **Deangelo Franks**

Franks was the driver of the Nissan Altima and was interviewed by BCI SA Todd Fortner along with SA David Wieging and FCSO Detective Brian Meister. Franks advised they had all been at a birthday party at his house and decided to go to the gas station. He advised they arrived at the gas station and Striblin went in and bought some "shells", referring to cigar wrappers they used to smoke marijuana. When Striblin returned to the car, the officers pulled behind them, pointed guns at them and ordered them out of the car. Franks stated that Striblin said, "Watch out." Franks said the officers ordered them to put their hands up and get on the ground. He said he, Franklin, and Cotton were complying with the orders. Franks said Striblin began running in front of the car toward Stelzer Road. Franks heard the officers say, "He's got a gun," then he heard gunshots.

Franks denied knowing Striblin had a gun or that there was a gun in the car. He said he did not know of any trouble Striblin was in or any problem he had with anyone and didn't know why he ran. SA Fortner asked about the black ski mask that Striblin was wearing and Franks said he had been wearing it all night. He also denied seeing Striblin with a gun at the party.

Under further questioning, Franks admitted he knew that Striblin had a black pistol but didn't (know) what kind it was. He also said he saw it on Striblin's hip that night. Detectives questioned



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him about the murder weapon and maroon car from their homicide investigation. He said he didn't know where the gun or the car were.

**Desire Cotton**

BCI SA Fortner, SA Wieging, and FCSO Det. Meister interviewed Cotton in an interview room at FCSO at 2324 hours. Cotton, who is 16-years-old, was accompanied by her mother Ashley Franks. SA Fortner read Cotton and her mother her Miranda rights. Cotton had been a passenger in the back seat of the vehicle. Cotton stated that the vehicle was occupied by herself and another juvenile, Jordan Jenkins, in the rear seat, her brother Deangelo Franks in the driver's seat and her cousin, Striblin, in the front passenger's seat.

Cotton stated that the four of them left her house, 3659 Foraker Drive, and drove to the nearby convenience store for snacks. She stated the police pulled up behind their vehicle in the parking lot with their lights on, pointed guns at them, and ordered them to put their hands up and get on the ground. She said she complied with their order, got out of the driver's side of the car and got on the ground. Cotton said she did not see what the others did. She said she then heard gunshots, possibly two of them. She looked up and saw Striblin lying on the ground in front of the store. She said she saw deputies go to Striblin and remove his shirt to administer aid and that's when she saw blood on him. Cotton said she was then placed in a police car.

Cotton was visibly shaken and did not recall any other details of the incident. She said she did not know if Striblin had a gun or ever carried one. Cotton said she did not know of Striblin's criminal past, including his warrant or his involvement with the prior homicide.

**Jordan Jenkins**

BCI SA Wieging interviewed Jenkins, who is 14-years old and lives with Terri Davis, her grandmother. Jenkins related she was at a birthday party for the daughter (DeAsia) of her mom's (DeAnna) friend. Jenkins received permission from her mom to go with DeZire (Desire) whose nickname is Bubbles, Deangelo, and Striblin to the store. Jenkins said her mom gave her (Jenkins) her wallet, which contained credit cards and money. Jenkins related they were supposed to go to Speedway because her mom wanted a slushy, but they instead went to Sunoco on Stelzer at Agler Roads. Jenkins mentioned that she did not go inside because her mom did not want anything from there.

According to Jenkins, Deangelo was driving the vehicle and Striblin was in the front passenger seat, she was seated in the passenger side back seat and DeZire (Desire) was seated next to her in the driver side back seat. When they arrived at Sunoco, Striblin was the only one that entered



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the Mini-Mart. Once Striblin returned to the vehicle and they began backing up, and that is when undercover police surrounded the vehicle.

Jenkins stated they told Striblin to put his hands up, but he ran in the direction of Stelzer Road. Striblin turned around near Boost Mobile, and according to Jenkins, Striblin was going to shoot back. At this moment that's when they (deputies) shot Striblin. She mentioned the front window of the vehicle was down and her window was slightly open. Jenkins said she could hear the officers. Jenkins did not hear Striblin say anything and did not know why he ran. When asked if the officers gave commands, Jenkins stated the officers said "He got a gun, get down, or something like that." Next, the police told her, DeZire (Desire) and Deangelo to get out of the vehicle with their hands up. Once they were out of the vehicle, they were told to lay on the ground and put their hands behind their back and were handcuffed.

Jenkins stated Striblin had a gun, which was black, that was in his front pocket. Jenkins believed the people in the store probably thought Pozz was going to rob them because he was wearing a black ski mask and had a gun in his pocket. Jenkins said the police shot first and Striblin tried to return fire, but he got shot and fell to the ground. Jenkins shared after the shooting the police were pulling Pozz's clothes off trying to help him.

Additional police began to arrive and Jenkins was ultimately placed in the back seat of a police cruiser, as was DeZire (Desire) and Deangelo. Jenkins recalled hearing a few shots, but does not know how many shots were fired. She put her hands over her ears and got down in the vehicle. Smith shared with investigators that she received a call after everything had transpired and arrived in the area. She was subsequently escorted by a police officer to the cruiser Jenkins was seated in. Smith stated she (Jenkins) was still emotional and hysterical, but wasn't injured and did not need to be transported to the hospital. Jenkins told investigators that everything happened quickly.

### **Edward and Shirley Holloway**

The Holloway's were witnesses to the incident and were interviewed by BCI SA David Wieging. The couple was at the Mini-Mart where Edward had gone into the Mini-Mart to make a purchase. Edward was interviewed as well as Shirley, but Edward had seen a "Sheriff" outside and heard "firecrackers," but did not visually witness the incident.

Holloway (Shirley) stated she couldn't really see who the "Sheriff" was talking to, but she did hear him say "Put the gun down, put the gun down." Holloway then said after she heard the sheriff say put the gun down the second time, she heard four shots. Holloway mentioned she became



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scared and then laid down on the seat. Holloway did not know who fired first, as she could only see the back of the sheriff and only heard the gun shots. Holloway reiterated that the sheriff told the presumed suspect to put the gun down twice. She added she remained down in her seat until she did not hear any more bullets. Holloway mentioned she was present when other law enforcement vehicles arrived including the EMS.

**Douglas Miller**

Miller was interviewed by BCI SA David Wieging as a witness to the incident. According to Miller, he arrived at the shopping plaza around 1830 to 1845 hours and walked inside the Mini-Mart to get a drink. Inside the Mini-Mart was another male, female, and the clerk. Upon exiting the Mini-Mart, Miller observed the vehicle which he described as “the involved party” was driving. Miller said his car was parked by pump #2 of the Sunoco service station facing south and he also observed two undercover vehicles. Miller commented that he can spot them from a mile away, and thought to himself something was about to happen.

Upon entering his vehicle, he looked in his rearview mirror and in a matter of seconds he heard shots, drove away from the pump and around to avoid being in any crossfire. Miller believed that the driver of the vehicle was the "suspect" and recalled two males exited the front of the vehicle and two females exited the rear. Miller also said that the undercover officers got out of their vehicles and he (Miller) heard them say “Get down, get down, get down.” at which time Miller then heard the shots. Miller shared he also heard “the guy” (a presumed "suspect" or other male passenger) saying “I couldn't breathe.” Miller said they (presumed deputies) provided aid to the suspect down on the ground.

According to Miller, several people arrived at the shopping plaza before the first marked cruiser arrived on scene. Miller heard approximately 8-10 shots. From Miller's vantage point, he witnessed the officer to the right (east) of the suspect vehicle shoot and believed the other officer to the west shot as well. Miller did not see the suspect shoot. Additional commands the officers were saying that Miller heard were “get down,” “stay on the ground” and “stay where you are at.” Miller stated he later observed the Columbus Police Department, EMT, Mifflin and Clinton Township Police Departments and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office arrive on scene.

**Summary**

All persons known to have relevant information regarding this investigation have been interviewed (or attempted), and all known pertinent records and evidence have been obtained



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and reviewed. BCI will continue to offer investigative assistance into any newly identified witnesses or information relative to this criminal investigation. BCI's investigation into this Officer-Involved Critical Incident is concluded unless such new information/witnesses is/are identified through grand jury or other means.

Agents remain available for consultation and/or to perform any additional investigation, analysis, processing and/or other assistance/involvement you might deem to be necessary.

**Contact Information**

The preceding information comprises only a portion of facts and circumstances collected during the investigation of the officer-involved shooting incident. For further review of specific information or documentation collected during the investigation, please refer to the individual reports and documents from which this summary was derived. Any questions regarding the content or context of the information contained in this document can be directed to the attention of Special Agent John Butterworth. SA Butterworth can be reached via email at [john.butterworth@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:john.butterworth@OhioAGO.gov) or by telephone, at 419-764-5764.