



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



2021-0584

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

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Jeffrey M Scales, Jr. (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 03/05/2021  
**Author:** SA Christopher Hamberg, #69

**Narrative:** On March 5, 2021, Special Agent Chris Hamberg (SA Hamberg) of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) went to the Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, OH to make contact with Jeffrey M Scales Jr. (Scales). Scales was a driver of the 2006 Black Honda Civic, which was struck by the vehicle that Andrew Teague (Teague) was driving.

SA Hamberg arrived at the hospital and was told that Scales had been discharged earlier. However, Scales had left items at the hospital and was due to come back and retrieve the items. SA Hamberg left a business card and instructed the staff to have Scales call SA Hamberg in reference to his accident and the incident that took place on I-270.

*On March 8, 2021*, Scales had not made contact with SA Hamberg. SA Hamberg asked Criminal Intelligence Analyst Beth Dailey (Dailey) to assist in locating any potential phone numbers and current addresses for Scales. Dailey was able to locate three (3) potential phone numbers, to which SA Hamberg called and discovered the following:

- 614-456-9587 (Number belongs to a female and not to Scales)
- 614-741-6595 (Female answered the phone and hung up)
- 740-417-2212 (No one answered the phone and VM was not set up)

The two (2) addresses listed for Scales are the following:

- 271 W. High St. Apt. B, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338
- 2460 Ben Dougan Ln, Columbus, OH 43229

SA Hamberg will attempt to make contact with the above addresses for Scales.

*On March 11, 2021*, SA Hamberg went to the addresses:

- 271 W. High St. Apt. B, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338, to make contact with the homeowner and received a negative response. SA Hamberg left a business card for Scales to contact SA Hamberg. (It should be noted that SA Hamberg has not been able to confirm if Scales

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- lives at the above address.
- 2460 Ben Dougan Ln, Columbus, OH 43229. SA Hamberg received negative contact at the above address. SA Hamberg was advised by a neighbor that Scales does not live at the above address.

*On March 12, 2021*; SA Hamberg was provided the phone number (614-687-6673) for Scales and the address of 271 W. High St. Apt. B, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338, according to the accident report taken on March 5, 2021. SA Hamberg called the above phone number, to which the phone kept ringing. There was no answering machine, or voicemail, for a message to be left. SA Hamberg also left a business card at the above address the day prior for Scales.

Scales called SA Hamberg back. The phone interview was digitally recorded. The audio file is attached to the case file. SA Hamberg explained to Scales that BCI was investigating the incident that took place on I-270 last Friday, in which his vehicle was struck and the shooting that took place after the accident. SA Hamberg asked Scales if he could explain what happened to the best of his memory.

Scales stated that he was driving his vehicle northbound, in the northbound lane of I-270, when he noticed a silver car driving southbound, in the northbound lane coming toward him. Scales said he was following a blue truck that got sideswiped by the silver car. Scales said he attempted to get out of the way from the silver car, but his Honda Civic got struck on the side.

Scales said shortly after his vehicle was struck, the police had arrived on the scene and he overheard approximately four (4) to five (5) gunshots, but couldn't be positive on that, due to his injuries. Scales said he didn't observe the shooting incident. Scales added he was also a little incoherent, due to the airbags being deployed and causing the ringing in his ears; which he still has today. In regard to Scales injuries: Scales stated he had a lot of bruising down the left side of his body, along with bruised ribs and some ear damage.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the reader refer to the audio recording in its entirety.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01:Phone interview of Jeff Scales

Attachment # 02:Scales, Jeffrey OHLEG [REDACTED] 030821



