



**Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation**  
**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**



**12/20/2012 INTERVIEW OF KENNETH R. BOLTON, JR.**

**Summary**

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Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Cooper and Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Detective Jacobs met with Bolton in an interview room at the Richfield Bureau of Criminal Investigation offices. Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Cooper and Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Detective Jacobs properly identified themselves and explained the nature of the interview was to obtain his statement of his recollection of the events of the late

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<b>Date of Report: 12/18/2012</b>	<b>Exhibit/Location: 79</b>
<b>Investigative Activity: Interview of Kenneth Bolton, Jr.</b>	<b>Supervisor Approval: Dennis Sweet</b> <i>[Signature]</i> JAN 14 2013

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evening hours of November 29, 2012. The following is a summary of the information provided by Bolton to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Cooper and Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Detective Jacobs during the interview.

Bolton was questioned concerning his employment with the East Cleveland Police Department and specifically about his knowledge and actions of the evening of November 29, 2012. Bolton stated he is currently assigned to the patrol section of the East Cleveland Police Department and has approximately thirteen (13) years of experience as a police officer. Bolton stated all thirteen years have been with the East Cleveland Police Department. Bolton stated his shift is generally 0700 hours through 1900 hours. Bolton stated on the evening of November 29, 2012 he was working a scheduled overtime shift from 1900 through 2300 hours due to another officers' unexpected illness. Bolton stated his days off for the week were Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Bolton stated he works a part-time detail, but had not worked the detail for forty-eight hours prior to the evening of November 29, 2012.

Bolton stated his supervisor on the evening of November 29, 2012 was Sergeant Jeff Williams.

Bolton stated he takes no prescribed medications and does not abuse alcohol or drugs. Bolton stated he occasionally wears bifocal glasses to correct vision.

Bolton stated on the evening of November 29, 2012 he was wearing the issued blue uniform of the East Cleveland Police Department and a blue ballistic outer vest. Bolton stated he does not wear a standard duty belt. Bolton stated he does wear a holstered sidearm and has three full magazines which he keeps in his ballistic vest. Bolton stated his sidearm is a Smith and Wesson Police and Military .40 caliber pistol and is current on his qualifications with the aforementioned sidearm. Bolton stated he carries no less than lethal weapons and no personal recording devices. Bolton stated he carries a portable radio and was monitoring East Cleveland's channel 1.

Bolton stated he has no specialized or military training. Bolton stated he has completed training as a first line supervisor.

Bolton stated he was assigned cruiser number 3143 on the evening of November 29, 2012. Bolton stated cruiser number 3143 is a marked cruiser with standard emergency lights, sirens, and a spotlight. Bolton stated cruiser 3143 also contains a mobile display terminal. Bolton stated he was a single man car on the evening of November 29, 2012. Bolton stated there is a non-operational on-board camera in cruiser number 3143; however, it is broken.

Bolton stated he has never been involved in an officer involved shooting.

Bolton stated he was not involved in the officer involved shooting of November 29, 2012. Bolton stated he was only briefly involved in the police pursuit preceding the police shooting, but only as a safety car by providing intersection clearance along the pursuit route. Bolton stated at 2230 hours he was preparing to end his evening watch and was getting a drink at Gas USA, located at Euclid Avenue and Shaw, when Sergeant Mitchell ("Mitchell"), who was working an



off-duty detail at Euclid and Wade, broadcast emergency traffic for East Cleveland Police units concerning a police chase coming through the East Cleveland area. Bolton stated Mitchell announced that approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) Cleveland Police cruisers were in a pursuit and would be passing through East Cleveland.

Bolton stated he headed to an intersection of Marlow and Euclid to block traffic. Bolton stated he saw the suspect vehicle being pursued as it passed his position, but did not actually get a good look at the driver and did not realize there was a passenger in the pursued vehicle. Bolton stated he would estimate the speed of the pursuit at approximately thirty miles per hour. Bolton stated he estimated approximately twenty (20) vehicles passed him.

Bolton stated he monitored the radio traffic being relayed to him by Mitchell and knew the suspect's vehicle entered into a school parking lot. Bolton stated he knew the suspect's vehicle was trapped and assumed the chase was over from his knowledge of the area. Bolton stated he proceeded to the area of the school and parked down the hill from where the suspect's vehicle was known to have gone. Bolton stated just as soon as he opened his cruiser door and got out to walk to the area he heard gun fire. Bolton stated the gun fire sounded like an automatic weapon and was "one solid volley". Bolton stated he "hung back" until the shooting stopped and allowed the Cleveland Police Department to clear the vehicle. Bolton stated he proceeded to the immediate area of the suspect's vehicle and began asking various officers if they were alright. Bolton stated he did not actually see any of the officers firing their weapons.

Bolton stated he started a crime scene log, which was later turned over to the Cleveland Police Detective Unit. Bolton stated he initially taped up the crime scene within five minutes of the shooting. Bolton stated he began taking crime scene photos with the departmentally issued camera. Bolton stated he believes the photographs have been forwarded to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Bolton stated he cleared the crime scene at 0100 hours on November 30, 2012.

Bolton stated he never knew why the Cleveland Police Department was chasing the suspect's vehicle until after the pursuit was over. Bolton stated he did remove his gun from his holster after hearing the gunfire and while approaching the area, but put it back without discharging any rounds near the corner of the playground area.

Bolton stated he does have a cellular phone, but did not use it to place phone calls, texts or take photos with it the evening of November 29, 2012.

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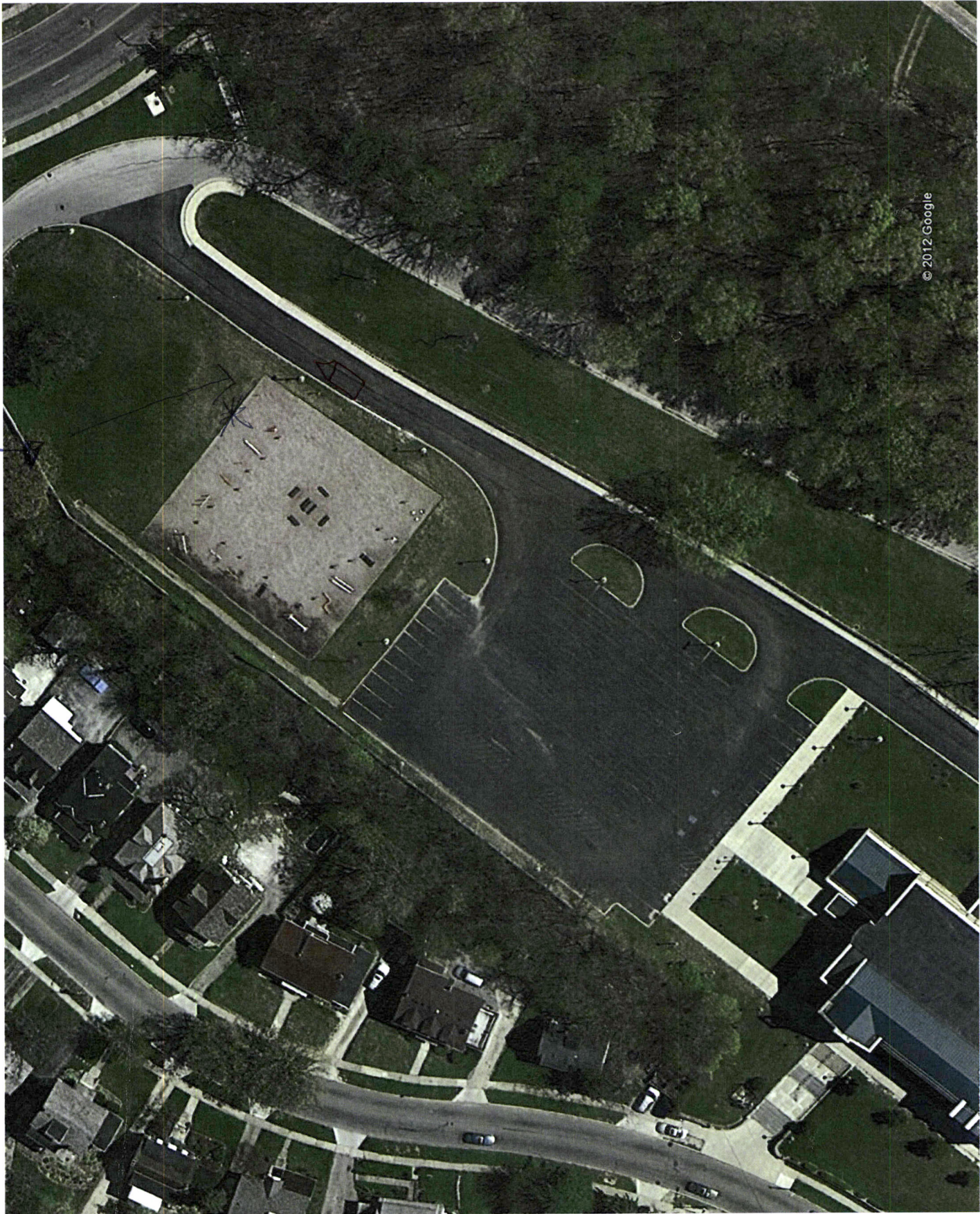
**Subject Information**

Name: Kenneth Bolton, Jr.  
Address: [REDACTED] Windsor, Ohio  
Telephone: [REDACTED] (Cell)  
[REDACTED] (Home)  
Employment: East Cleveland Police Department  
DOB: 10/12/1967  
SSN: [REDACTED]  
Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Height: 5'04"  
Weight: 150 lbs.  
Hair: Gray  
Eyes: Hazel  
S/V/W: Witness  
CCH: No identifiable criminal history per OHLEG



~~Ken~~

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Kenneth Bolton  
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(12-20-2012)