



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



2023-1792
Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-70 at Mound Street,
Columbus, OH

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Herbert Lee Brown (W)
Date of Activity: 07/06/2023
Author: SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

Narrative:

On July 06, 2023 at approximately 1843 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Herbert Brown (Brown) regarding his observations of the July 6th shooting incident that occurred on I-70 near the Mound Street exit in Columbus, Ohio, between officers with the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Abdisamad Ismail (Ismail). Brown was initially inside CPD Cruiser [REDACTED] but was moved outside to sit along a concrete barrier for the contact. The following is a summation of Brown's statement and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording.

On this date, Brown was driving eastbound on I-70 in a white Toyota Camry bearing Florida registration EVXR24 with his grandson, Joshua Maye, as a passenger. Brown observed a Porsche SUV that came from "no-where" and cut in front of his vehicle and hit the concrete barrier along the roadway. Brown observed two or three subject exit the Porsche SUV, and the person later identified as Ismail, immediately started shooting at police when he exited the Porsche SUV. Brown clarified that all of the subjects that exited the Porsche SUV were "black". Brown stated Ismail "shot first" and "unloaded" on the police. Brown observed an officer, later identified as CPD Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] fall to the ground. Additional officers arrived on scene and they started firing their firearms at Ismail because he was still shooting at Officer [REDACTED]. Brown heard officers yell "Stop" and "Get on the ground" and other commands. Brown stated the officers didn't have any choice but to fire their firearms at Ismail because he wouldn't stop shooting at them.

Brown confirmed the officers were in standard uniforms and clearly identifiable as police officers. Brown did observe officers administering life-saving measures to Ismail after he was shot. Brown stated there wasn't anything the police could have done differently to end the confrontation due to Ismail's actions. Brown signed a consent to search form authorizing Crime Agents to swab a bloodstain on the driver's side door of his vehicle. Brown didn't have any additional information.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Herbert Brown Audio Interview 7.06.2023

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