



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



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

Investigative Activity: Initial Briefing
Involves: Lt. Terry McConnel (O)
Date of Activity: 03/05/2021
Activity Location: Incident Location – Interstate 270 Northbound on Big Walnut Creek Bridge, Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On Friday, March 05, 2021, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OCIC) which occurred on Interstate 270 northbound on Big Walnut Creek Bridge, Columbus, Ohio.

Upon arrival, SA Mulford made contact with CPD Sergeant Terry McConnell (Sgt. McConnell) in the command post vehicle. I-270 northbound was shut down to incoming traffic with a very large crime scene established. Numerous motorists were still in their vehicles pending interviews as witnesses.

Sgt. McConnell advised Andrew Teague (Teague) was wanted on a felonious assault warrant and fled from multiple jurisdictions in a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit culminated with Teague driving the wrong way into oncoming traffic on I-270 causing several crashes. Law enforcement officers from CPD and Franklin County Sheriff's Office encountered Teague on the highway and ultimately discharged their firearms striking him. Teague died as a result of those gunshot wounds.

Multiple BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and BCI Crime Scene Unit Agents arrived on scene to process the evidence and interview the witnesses.

As SA Mulford walked through the scene, he identified multiple officers who were tasked with evidence security. Those are the following:

CPD Officer Justin Crites, badge #3164, telephone # [REDACTED] was posted at the deceased body of Teague. He advised he arrived on scene after the shooting occurred.

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Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Rambardan, badge #1327, was posted near identified shell casing. He advised he arrived on scene after the shooting occurred.

CPD Officer Troy Laszcz, badge #3059, telephone # [REDACTED] was posted at evidence marker #3. He advised he arrived on scene after the shooting occurred.