



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



12/12/2012 INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM MIRANDA

Summary

On Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Cleveland Police Officer William C. Miranda arrived at 4055 Highlander Parkway in Richfield, Ohio, the BCI&I Richfield Northeast Regional Office for an interview. Also in attendance were Sergeant James Ruth, Attorney Patrick D'Angelo, Jeffery Follmer and Steve Kinas of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association.

Details

William "Bill" C. Miranda is currently employed by the Cleveland Police Department and is assigned as a Second District Vice Unit. He has been with the Cleveland Police Department for 15 years. He has no specialized police training or Military experience to his credit. Miranda's Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission Certification is current and his last weapons qualification and use of force training was obtained at in-service training around May of 2012. Miranda has not been involved in any previous officer involved shooting incidents.

Miranda's shift begins at 6:00 PM and concludes at 2:00 AM. His days off are Saturday and Sunday. Miranda is supervised by Sgt. Coleman. In addition to his normal patrol duties with the Cleveland Police Department, Miranda also works part time at St. John's Cathedral. Other than his contact lenses, Miranda stated his overall general health is good and he was not under the influence of any prescribed or non-prescribed medications, drugs or alcohol, either at the time of the interview or the time of the pursuit.

On November 29, 2012 Miranda was wearing soft or undercover clothing and his vest carrier. Miranda's duty belt contained his Glock Model 17 service weapon, two magazines, Taser, handcuffs and portable radio. His duty magazines were full with 15 cartridges each and there is one cartridge in the barrel. Miranda does not possess any personal recording devices.

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Miranda was driving unmarked Cleveland Police Department 285, a Dodge Charger which was equipped with "hidden agenda or concealed" emergency lights, siren, and mobile two way radio. This vehicle is absent an In-Car Camera and Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). Sergeant Coleman was Miranda's partner and both officers had the ability to operate the two way radio, although Miranda did not broadcast any transmissions the night of the pursuit.

Miranda stated that he was in the vice office when Sergeant Coleman approached him and advised that an officer had been shot at downtown and a pursuit was initiated by other officers. He continued to state that they obtained their gear and went to their vehicle to see where the pursuit was. Miranda and Coleman were westbound on Clark Avenue near 44th when the pursuit was heading eastbound at them. As the pursuit passed, Miranda turned and was positioned fourth in the pursuit. As the pursuit continued, Miranda advised he heard radio broadcasts near Quigley Road that were warning officers to be careful as there was an officer who had been shot at and that pursuing officers had advised that the occupants were pointing a gun at them.

Miranda continued to advise that near East 72nd and I-90 East he and Coleman become the lead pursuit vehicle after Hummel and Siefer had "Spun out a little bit and lost the pursuit." Miranda continued to concentrate on the pursued vehicle and Sergeant Coleman began to call the pursuit. They continue to lead until the pursued vehicle made an attempt to lose officers at Happy's Pizza. By the time Miranda got his vehicle turned around and back in the pursuit, they were six vehicles back. According to Miranda, the pursuit continued down Terrace Road and into the school parking lot.

Once in the school lot, Mirada hears a shot, and radio traffic of "shots fired." The pursued vehicle continues towards Miranda and Coleman. Not knowing who or what was actually going on, Miranda and Coleman duck down in their vehicle as the pursued vehicle drove past. When Mirada makes an attempt to look back for the pursued vehicle he heard rapid gunfire and ducks back down in his seat. As the shooting slows, Miranda gets out of his vehicle and runs to the front of his vehicle to get behind his engine block and stated "that's when it was over."

Other than hearing the gun fire, Miranda stated he never witnessed anything being tossed from the vehicle during the pursuit. He also stated he never saw a weapon in or around the pursued vehicle during the incident.

Miranda advised that it wasn't until the following day by the Cleveland news that he discovered that the passenger in the vehicle was a female. From the radio traffic he heard, he assumed both occupants were black males. He did clarify that the passenger kept turning around in their seat throughout the pursuit. He had not recognized the names and to the best of his recollection had never had dealings with either one in the past.

When asked about the overall atmosphere of the scene, Miranda advised that after the chase he was able to make his way to the pursued vehicle and look inside where he was able to see the occupants. However, it wasn't until he began seeing news reports, that he was made aware that the passenger was female. Miranda stated he was unfamiliar with the suspects and had no prior dealings with either in the past.

According to Miranda, the discussion following the shooting was mainly officers checking to make sure others around them were alright. Other than his union representation and co-workers, Miranda advised that he has spoken to his family about the pursuit. Miranda left his cellular telephone at the district office when he and Coleman ran to their vehicle.

Miranda stated that he believed the actions that he took and the actions of those officers around him were consistent with the training they have received from the Cleveland Police Department.

Miranda was provided overhead aerial photographs to document his location during the final minutes of the pursuit.

Subject Information

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Cleveland, Ohio 44144
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Employment: Cleveland Police Department
DOB: 06/21/1969
SSN: [REDACTED]
Sex: Male
Race: Hispanic
Height: 5'06"
Weight: 175
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
S/V/W: Witness
CCH: None



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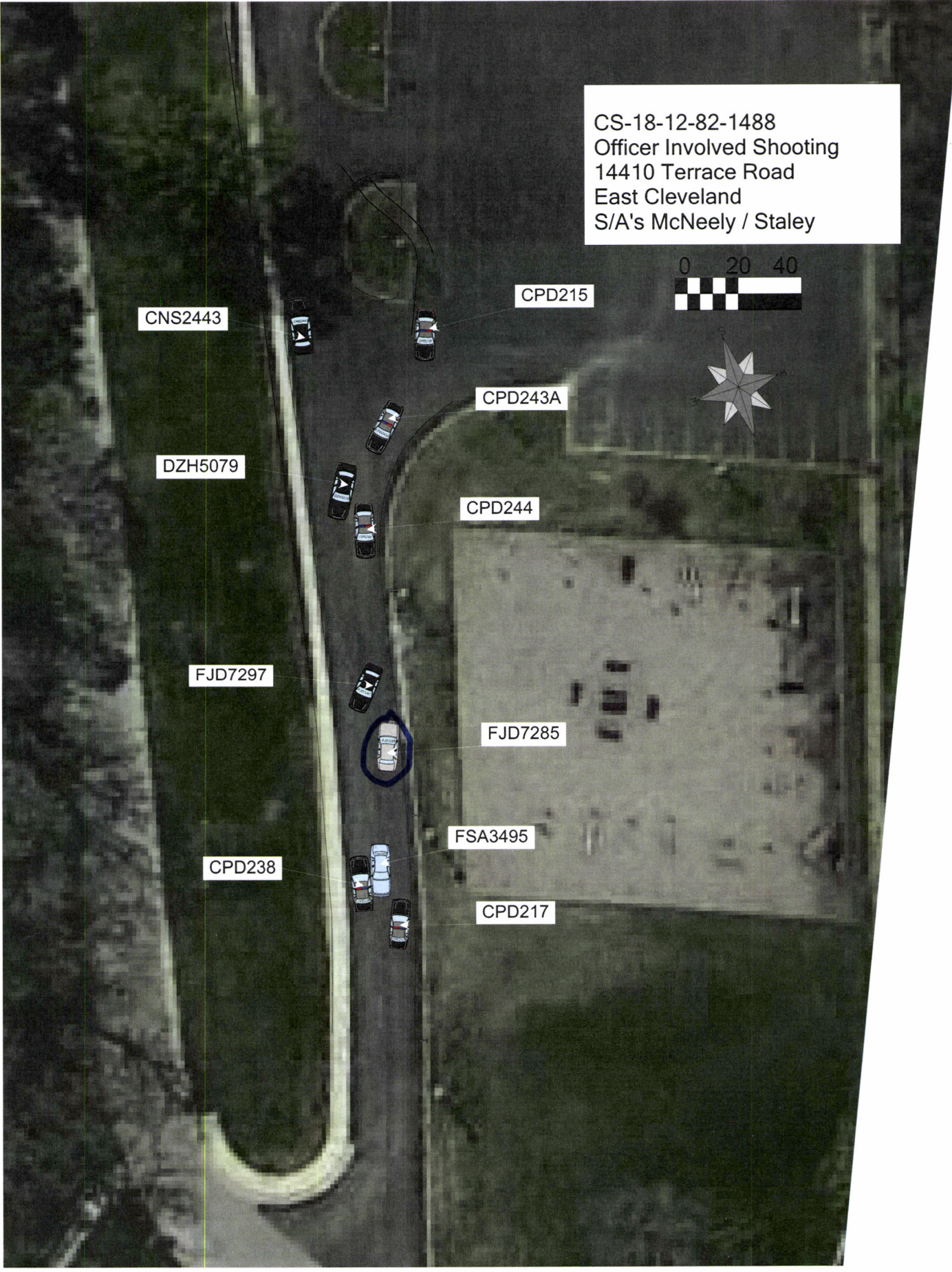
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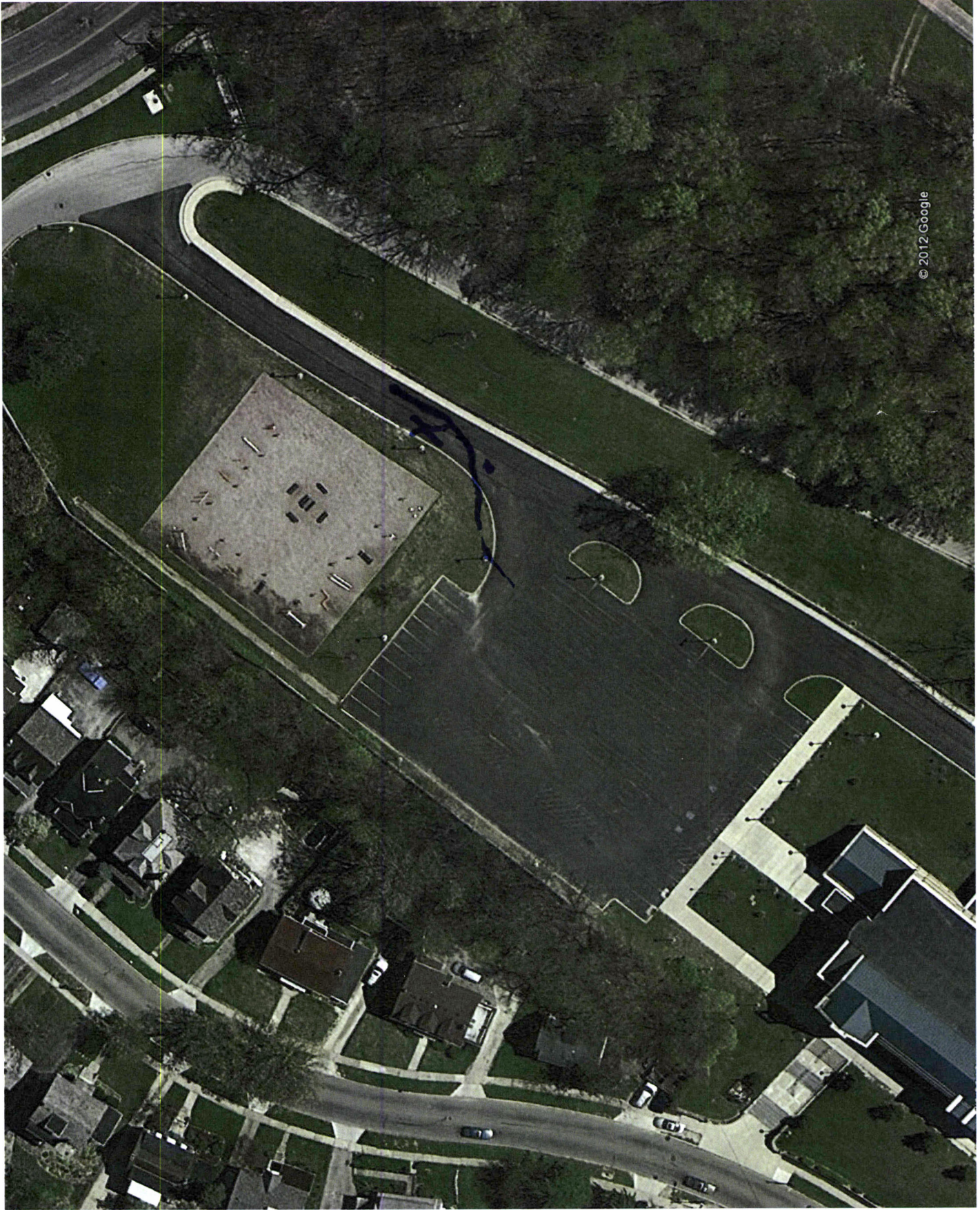
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