



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



2024-1473  
 Officer Involved Critical Incident – Intersection of Georgesville Rd  
 and Clime Road, Columbus.

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** ██████████ (S)  
**Date of Activity:** 05/28/2024  
**Activity Location:** Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman – 4683 Winterset  
 Drive, Columbus, OH 43220  
**Author:** SA Craig Call

**Narrative:**

On May 28, 2024 at approximately 1202 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Craig Call (SA Call) and Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement (Attachment # 05) from Columbus Division of Police (CPD) Police Officer ██████████ regarding the shooting incident involving several law enforcement officers from three law enforcement agencies and Hamsa Yusuf Ali (Ali) that occurred on May 12, 2024, at the intersection of Georgesville Road and Clime Road in Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County). Ali was fatally shot by officers during that incident. The contact with ██████████ took place at his attorney’s office and his attorney, Lathan Lipperman, was present. ██████████ signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form (Attachment # 03) affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement. Prior to meeting with agents, ██████████ and his attorney prepared a typed statement which ██████████ signed in front of agents affirming that would be his official statement regarding this incident. That statement (Attachment # 04) is attached to this report and available for review. The following is a summation of the contact with ██████████ and additional details can be found in the attached audio recording. (It should be noted that during the interview, Ali was referred to as “suspect” by the officer and that verbiage may be used throughout the summary when trying to quote the officer or document what an officer stated they heard or thought regarding the incident.)

In reference to the incident and the events surrounding the shooting, ██████████ wrote the following:

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*I moved towards the front of my cruiser. I saw the suspect quickly moving east across Georgesville Road. He was moving towards a grassy area on the eastern side of the street. He had a gun in his (I believe) right hand. He had his right arm extended back, aiming the barrel of the gun in my direction and that of Cruiser [REDACTED] and my wagon. I also believed Officers [REDACTED] were in my immediate vicinity. And I saw [REDACTED] taking cover behind the driver side of Cruiser [REDACTED], a few yards to my northeast. I believed the suspect intended to shoot me and the other officers on scene and it was at that moment I fired my weapon.*

*I fired three rounds in rapid succession in what I would estimate was around one second. I fired those shots in a northeasterly direction. I do not recall using my gun's iron sites. I used a two-handed (right strong) grip. My target was the suspect's center mass. My backdrop was a slightly elevated patch of grass just east of Georgesville Road. I did not see any civilians, officers, or vehicles in my backdrop. I was not certain where [REDACTED] were at the times I fired, but none of them were in my line of fire. I fired from near the front driver's side of my wagon. I do not recall whether I was standing behind it when I fired or whether I otherwise had any cover or concealment. I would estimate that I was approximately twenty yards from the suspect when I fired. This incident happened in the middle of the day with plentiful natural light.*

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The suspect appeared to have multiple gunshot wounds. Officers applied pressure to the visible wounds. Another officer checked the suspect for a pulse. Seconds later, I said we should start chest compressions. The suspect was placed onto his back, and an officer began compressions. I switched with that officer a brief time later and took over performing chest compressions. [REDACTED] took my place a minute or two later. As he rendered aid, I checked the suspect's pockets for any identification, but I did not find any. Within several minutes medics arrived and began assessing the suspect.

CPD Sgt. Hand approached and asked whether I fired my weapon. I told him yes, and he sent me to his cruiser to wait. I stayed at the scene until a member of Officer Support arrived and transported me to 10 Substation. Later that evening I met with an investigator from BCI at the CPD Training Academy so that photos could be taken and my weapon could be collected as part of BCI's investigation. This ended my involvement with this matter.

At the times I fired my weapon, I believed the suspect posed a deadly threat to my life and the lives of [REDACTED]. This event happened very quickly: I would estimate that less than ten seconds passed between the suspect shooting at [REDACTED] and firing my last shot as the suspect collapsed.

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on  
06/14/2024

*any other reasonable alternative to protect my life or the lives of the other officers from the deadly threat presented by the suspect's actions of firing and levelling his weapon at me and the others on scene.*

*After this incident, I learned the suspect's name is Ali Hamsa Yusuf. I do not know that person, and I do not think I have ever previously encountered him."*

██████████ agreed to answer clarifying questions in reference to his written statement.

██████████ was asked if he remembered any specifics of the original dispatch to the incident. ██████████ recalled being dispatched to an address for an active shooter and immediately putting the address in the GPS in order to respond. ██████████ did not recall what the address was. ██████████ also referenced a subject vehicle description dispatched as a white Toyota. ██████████ was asked if the dispatch contained any specific description of the involved subject. ██████████ did not recall any such description. ██████████ indicated all information he received during his response was being relayed to him through CPD's dispatch, however he believed the information was being relayed to his dispatch through another agency. ██████████ added that he is now aware Ali attempted to kill his supervisor at the Amazon facility, however that is information he learned after the incident.

██████████ was asked to further describe the scenario in his statement describing he and Ali "locking eyes" as ██████████ was turning onto Georgesville Road from Clime Road. ██████████ indicated Ali was intensely staring at him and did not break eye contact throughout the entirety of the turn. ██████████ indicated the look made him feel as if something was about to happen other than a traditional encounter.

██████████ was a part of the team of officers that approached Ali and described Ali as being completely unresponsive.

██████████ was provided with two visual exhibits (A and B), with A being a recent overhead Google Maps view of the intersection of Georgesville and Clime Road and B being an overhead view of the crime scene completed by BCI's Crime Scene Unit. Exhibit A was used for reference only and exhibit B was for ██████████ to identify approximate locations based on the questions asked. Using exhibit B, ██████████ was asked to mark his approximate location at the time he fired. ██████████ marked his location with a "█" near the driver's side hood area of CPD cruiser █. ██████████ was asked to mark Ali's approximate location when ██████████ fired. ██████████ marked Ali's location with an "S" near a grassy area to the east of the intersection of Georgesville and Clime Road. ██████████ was asked if he could mark the location of any other officers he observed fire at the time. ██████████ did not observe other officers fire during the incident.

SA Call read the following quote from ██████████ statement aloud and asked if the quote was true and accurate:

*"And at the time I fired my weapon, I did not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life or the lives of the other officers from the deadly threat presented by the suspect's actions of firing and levelling his weapon at me and the others on scene."*

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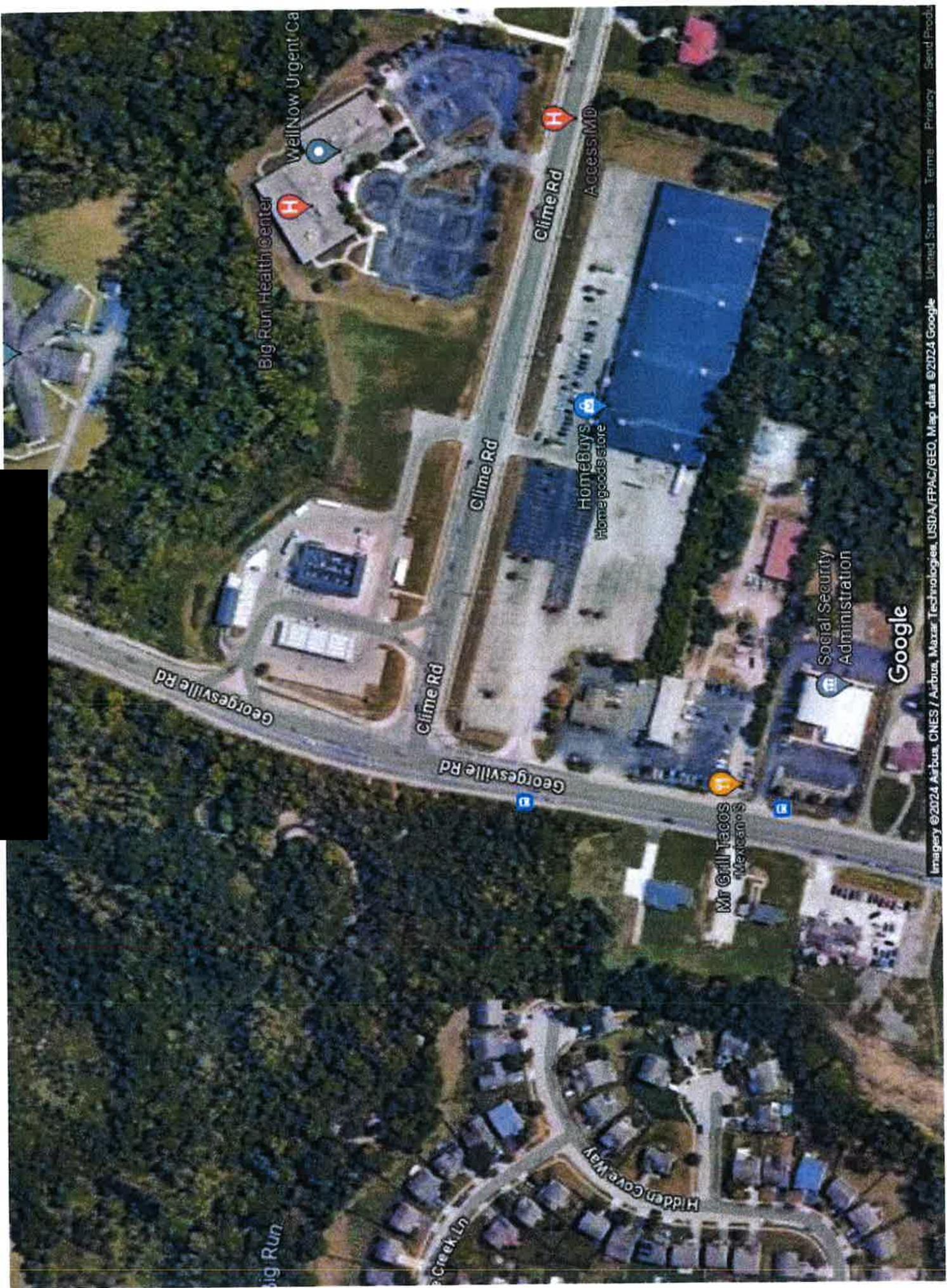
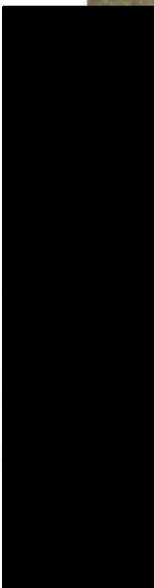
██████████ confirmed the above statement to be true and accurate.

The interview concluded at approximately 1220 hours.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment # 01: CPD ██████ Visual exhibit A
- Attachment # 02: CPD ██████ Visual exhibit B
- Attachment # 03: CPD ██████ CIN
- Attachment # 04: CPD ██████ Signed Statement
- Attachment # 05: CPD ██████████ Interview

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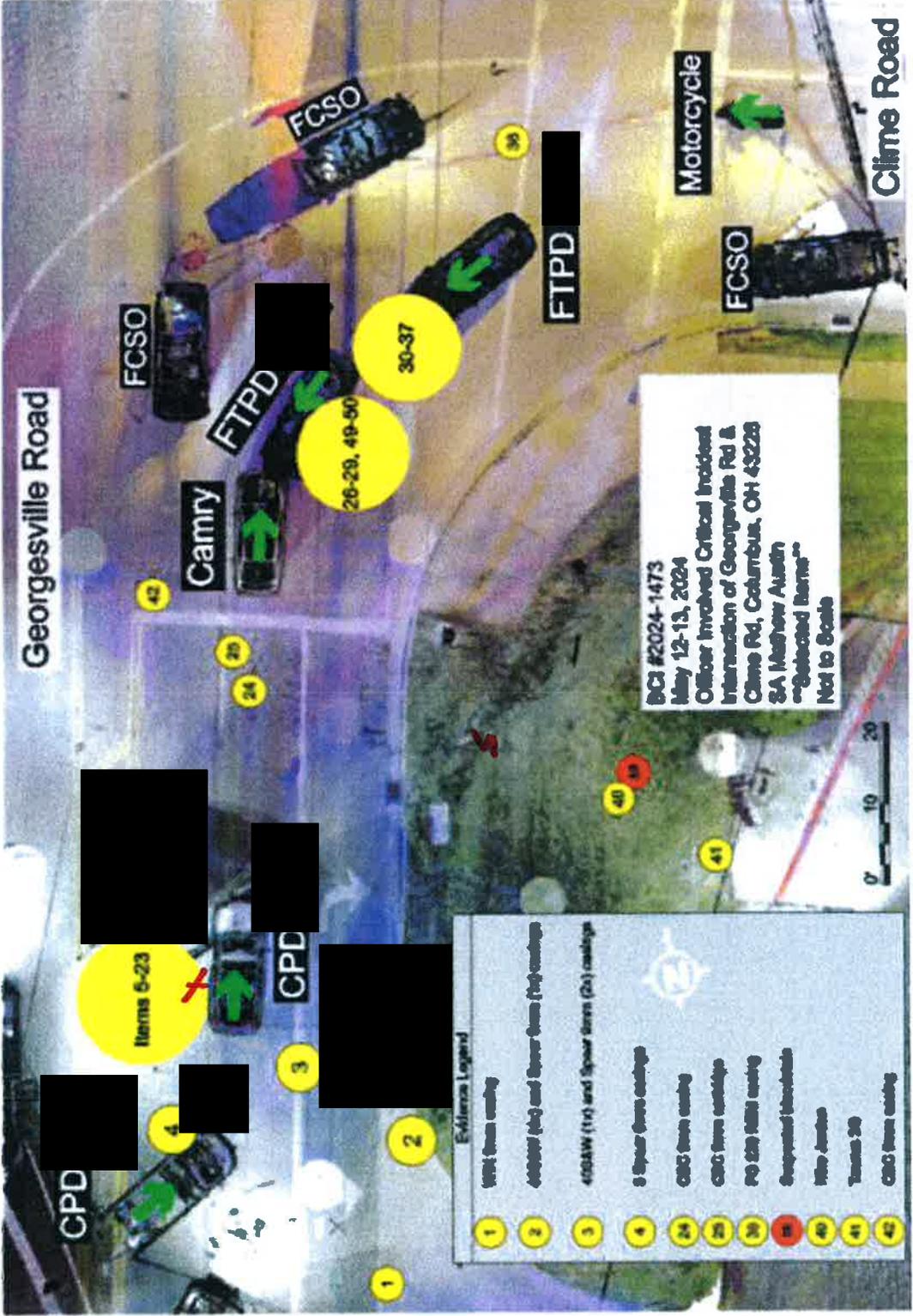
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Items 6-23

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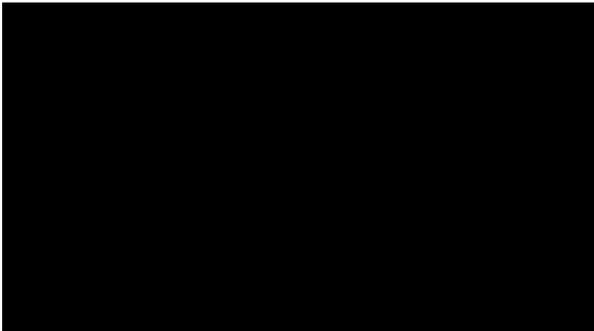


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**Criminal Investigation Notification**

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).



5/28/2024/11:59AM  
Date / Time

SA T. Craig Call  
BCI Agent (Printed)

SA T. Craig Call  
BCI Agent (Signature)

**STATEMENT OF OFFICER [REDACTED]**

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Sunday, May 12, 2024, at approximately 6:15 p.m. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI).

My date of hire with the Columbus Division of Police (“CPD” or the “Division”) is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I received my Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certification once I graduated from the academy on [REDACTED]. I do not have any prior law enforcement experience.

[REDACTED]

My regular assignment is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. On the day of this incident, I was working a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I did not work any other overtime or special duty on the day prior.

I was wearing the CPD patrol uniform consisting of navy pants, a navy short-sleeved shirt, and an external vest carrier that displayed my badge on the front and “COLUMBUS POLICE” on the back. I was also equipped with a body worn camera (BWC) which was activated during the entirety of this incident and was mounted in the right/middle of my chest. I was not wearing a hat. I was carrying my Division-issued Smith & Wesson 2.0 9mm handgun, loaded with Division-issued ammunition. That gun was equipped with a Division-approved light mounted to the underside of the frame. My range qualifications were current with that weapon. I was not carrying any backup firearm.

I was working with a partner: CPD [REDACTED] I was in a CPD marked Prisoner Transport Vehicle (commonly referred to as a “wagon”), Cruiser [REDACTED] I was driving. There were also several other CPD officers on scene when this incident occurred as well as law enforcement from the Franklin Township Police Department and the Madison County Sheriff’s Office.

I am in good health. I do not suffer from any disabilities. I do not wear glasses/contacts or need hearing aids as I have good vision and hearing. I did not drink any alcohol in the 24 hours before this incident, nor had I taken any over the counter or prescription drugs that could impair the performance of my duties. I arrived at my shift well rested and in good spirits. Before this incident occurred, my shift was uneventful besides responding to a few routine events.

Just before this incident, around 6:00 p.m., Officer [REDACTED] and I had marked on a call for service at the Kroger on Eakin Road in west Columbus. Reportedly, two people had gotten into an argument over a car accident. We were circulating the parking lot looking for the disturbance when a [REDACTED] (CPD radio code for “officer in trouble”) went out over the radio. Dispatch aired that another agency was responding to an active shooter. I quickly set the address given by dispatch into my GPS and drove with lights and sirens to that location.

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I stopped firing when the suspect fell to the ground and was no longer aiming his weapon back towards me, [REDACTED], and the immediate vicinity where I believed [REDACTED] were located. The other officers on scene stopped firing around that time as well. I heard [REDACTED] yell "I'm hit!" (or words to that effect). I immediately moved up and took cover behind Cruiser [REDACTED] along with [REDACTED]. I covered the suspect as other officers yelled at him not to move. Seconds later, I told the officers with me to move up, and we did so single file. I kept my weapon trained on the suspect as we approached. The suspect was not moving.

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After this incident, I learned the suspect's name is Ali Hamsa Yusuf. I do not know that person, and I do not think I have ever previously encountered him.

I have now had the opportunity to review the footage of this incident. After doing so, it refreshed my recollection that when dispatch aired the [REDACTED] the agency referenced was the Madison County Sheriff's Office. While enroute, dispatch also aired that the suspect committed the shooting at an Amazon facility and that he was fleeing on Hall Road before later adding that he had turned northbound onto Georgesville Road.

A plainclothes Madison County [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED] pulled next to my wagon in the right lane as I came to a stop before confronting the suspect. That [REDACTED] got out of his

[REDACTED] and engaged the suspect from behind his driver's door. I did not recall seeing that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] during this incident since I was hyper-focused on the suspect; that [REDACTED] was not in my line of fire, however. After firing, I also took cover behind the [REDACTED] and not Cruiser [REDACTED] as I had recalled. I also moved up towards the suspect with that plainclothes [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and not [REDACTED]

Finally, the footage confirms that I fired my weapon from the front driver's side of my wagon. I was in front of my wagon, and I did not have any cover or concealment.

This concludes my statement.

[REDACTED]

7/28/2024 12:01PM