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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1783 Penfield Rd, Columbus
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Christopher Choy (W)
Date of Activity: 02/24/2022
Activity Location: – 1783 Penfield Rd, Columbus, OH 43227, Franklin County
Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Investigations and Crime Scene Units were requested by Columbus Police Department (CPD) to respond and investigate a potential critical incident at 1783 Penfield Road, Columbus, Ohio. SAS Barbeau spoke to CPD Sgt. Terry McConnell, who explained CPD officers were engaged in a vehicle pursuit with a subject from a domestic complaint. While the involved party was fleeing, he was involved in a traffic crash where his vehicle went off the roadway and struck two (2) occupied homes. CPD officers located the driver who was ejected and transported to Grant Medical Center. The involved party died from unknown injuries.

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 0740 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents James Poole (SA Poole) and Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) interviewed Columbus Police Officer Christopher Choy (Officer Choy). The interview took place at the scene 1783 Penfield Rd., Columbus, OH 43227. Officer Choy was identified as being a police officer who responded to a domestic call which started the involved incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Officer Choy stated he was wrapping up a complaint when a domestic incident was dispatched over the radio. Officer Choy stated radio dispatched that there was a female on the side of the road who possibly looked hurt with a silver four door vehicle taking off. Officer Choy took the dispatched run and arrived at scene by himself. Officer Choy remembered the unknown female, later identified as Tametria Baldwin (Baldwin), proclaimed she was struck by her boyfriend who sped off in a silver Ford four door vehicle.

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Officer Choy recalled he aired over the radio the description of the vehicle, where another CPD officer, who he believes was in CPD cruiser [REDACTED], picked up the vehicle going eastbound down Scottwood Road. Officer Choy tried to get more information from Baldwin by asking for the boyfriend's information. Baldwin gave the name Jajuan Ball to Officer Choy who later found out to be incorrect information. When Officer Choy asked for her name she refused to give it and became uncooperative. Baldwin proclaimed she just wanted to go home. Officer Choy stated he told Baldwin, he would give her a ride home.

Officer Choy remembered other CPD Officers were airing information over the radio and tried to initiate a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. The vehicle took off from the officers. Sergeant Franklin Lucci (Sgt. Lucci) aired over the radio for Officer Choy and asked if there was enough probable cause for a pursuit. Officer Choy explained how the victim, Baldwin, was not being cooperative and there were no visible injuries at the time. Officer Choy remembered hearing Sgt. Lucci air over the radio to terminate the pursuit.

Officer Choy recalled that he took Baldwin to 1892 Summerset Drive. Officer Choy was able to obtain some of Baldwin's information and was able to identify her in OHLEG after the incident.

SA Poole asked Officer Choy if anyone chased the suspect vehicle. Officer Choy said, "No."

SA Poole asked Officer Choy if any firearms were discharged during the time of the incident. Officer Choy said, "No."

SA Mulford asked Officer Choy if he believed the suspect vehicle was stolen. Officer Choy said, "No."

Officer Choy added that while initially he thought the suspect vehicle might have been stolen from Baldwin due to the lack of information she was giving. He later found that the vehicle belonged to her son's girlfriend and the driver was Baldwin's boyfriend.

Officer Choy also stated he went back to the Summerset address with CPD Domestic Violence Detectives. Where, they tried contacting Baldwin, who refused to answer the door. Officer Choy explained later he found out that she had an active felony warrant.

The interview ended at 0756 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-2-24 Officer Christopher Choy Interview