



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: [REDACTED] (S)
Date of Activity: 05/23/2024
Activity Location: Madison County Sheriff's Office – 23 W. High Street, London, OH
 43140
Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On May 23, 2024 at approximately 1039 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) and Craig Call (SA Call) obtained a recorded statement from Madison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] regarding the shooting incident involving multiple law enforcement officers from MCSO, Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and the Franklin Township Police Department (FTPD) and Hamsa Y. 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 law enforcement officers during the encounter. The contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] took place at MCSO and his attorney, Doug Behringer, was present. Prior to providing a statement, [REDACTED] signed a Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form affirming his decision to provide a voluntary statement to agents and agreed to use agent provided overhead photographs of the incident scene as visual aids. The following is a summation of the contact with [REDACTED] 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.)*

[REDACTED] is MCSO [REDACTED] and has been employed at the MCSO for [REDACTED] with no previous law enforcement experience. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is currently [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been in the above assignment for approximately one and half years. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in plain clothes throughout the entirety of the below described incident and was operating an unmarked [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was armed with a 9mm Sig Sauer P-320 X-carry handgun during the incident. [REDACTED] confirmed

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

his qualifications with the above weapon are current. Later in the interview, ██████████ ██████████ said he was in plain clothes and an unmarked vehicle due to his primary role in the incident as being surveillance with the purpose of giving updates of the involved subject's location without being recognized as law enforcement.

On May 12, 2024, ██████████ was not scheduled to work and was called in to assist with an active shooter situation at the Amazon Facility located on (Ohio) State Route 29 in West Jefferson, Ohio. ██████████ said he was originally notified by a text message system that goes out to investigators when significant events occur within their jurisdiction. ██████████ indicated he responded directly to the above location shortly after receiving the callout. ██████████ believed the text message came out at approximately 1645 hours.

Upon his arrival, ██████████ described assisting officers on scene with clearing the parking lot as the subject involved in the shooting had not yet been located. ██████████ described the initial description of the involved subject as a male Black in a black security jacket. The involved subject was not located in the parking lot.

██████████ spoke with MCSO Lieutenant Bryan White (Lt. White) and was informed that after reviewing surveillance footage, the involved subject had left the area in a white Toyota sedan. ██████████ acknowledged he was able to view the above footage and observed the involved subject in the parking lot with the black jacket removed, now wearing a white tank top. ██████████ said the involved subject was identified as Ali, however he did not know exactly what steps other officers took to make this identification. ██████████ said he did a Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) search of Ali and observed a Columbus address near Hall and Norton Road as a potential place of residence. ██████████ later added the residence was located inside an apartment complex. The OHLEG search also provided a photograph of Ali, which ██████████ indicated he believed to be a positive identification based off of the surveillance footage he previously viewed. After making the above observations, ██████████ spoke with Lt. White and MCSO ██████████ and was instructed to attempt to visually locate Ali along with ██████████ later described ██████████ vehicle as a ██████████

██████████ indicated ██████████ arrived at Ali's residence prior to him and communicated he believed he had a visual of Ali in the white Toyota outside of the apartment complex. ██████████ said ██████████ aired radio traffic describing Ali exited the vehicle, proceeded to the front door of the apartment, and ultimately returned to the vehicle without entering the apartment. ██████████ described hearing ██████████ air radio traffic indicating Ali left the apartment complex in the white Toyota and began traveling on Norton Road in the direction of Hall Road. ██████████ described being at a location near the intersection of Norton and Hall Road and was able to observe the white Toyota being followed ██████████. ██████████ described making a positive visual identification of Ali driving the white Toyota as the vehicle passed him. ██████████ described joining the surveillance operation at this time. ██████████ later clarified that he and ██████████ were conducting mobile surveillance and were in no way engaged in a pursuit of the white Toyota.

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██████████ described having knowledge of ██████████ having two radios within his vehicle with one being the Franklin County West channel and the other being Madison County Sheriff's Office's channel. ██████████ indicated his belief was that ██████████ was communicating updates on Ali's position to law enforcement monitoring the Franklin County West Channel, while he was giving updates on Madison County's channel.

██████████ described airing the below updates and direction of travel while he surveilled Ali:

- Eastbound on Hall Road passing Bolton Field
- Passing Enterprise Parkway
- Approaching Hall and Georgesville Road

██████████ described Ali's driving during this period as driving at a normal rate of speed while obeying all appropriate traffic laws. Based off of his observations, ██████████ was of the belief Ali did not know he was being followed by either ██████████ ██████████ indicated he believed the goal of the operation was to surveil Ali until uniformed officers could arrive on scene to detain Ali, in order to further the investigation of the incident at the Amazon facility.

██████████ described ██████████ communicating his belief that responding law enforcement officers were going to perform a traffic stop on Ali at the Hall and Georgesville Road location. ██████████ described observing multiple CPD cruisers pass this location without taking any enforcement action. Upon making this observation, ██████████ said he aired over the radio that Ali was still at the above intersection signaling to turn northbound on Georgesville Road.

██████████ said Ali ultimately completed the northbound turn onto Georgesville Road, at which time he observed multiple CPD cruisers coming in their direction. ██████████ described observing Ali stop at the intersection of Georgesville and Clime Road. Upon stopping, ██████████ observed a CPD cruiser complete a U-turn from southbound to northbound on Georgesville Road and take a position behind Ali's vehicle. ██████████ said he positioned his vehicle to the left of the CPD cruiser while ██████████ positioned his vehicle to the right of the CPD cruiser. ██████████ estimated his vehicle to be approximately one car length ahead of the CPD cruiser. Simultaneously, ██████████ described observing FTPD cruisers "boxing" Ali's vehicle from the front.

In immediate response to the above described actions, ██████████ described observing Ali exit the driver's side of the white Toyota, point a black semi-automatic handgun in the direction of the CPD cruiser, ██████████, and himself. ██████████ described reaching for his own firearm while observing Ali firing multiple shots in their direction. ██████████ described observing the muzzle flash of Ali's firearm and believed at the time that Ali struck his vehicle with gunfire. ██████████ explained he did not initially fire at Ali because his current positioning placed him in a "crossfire" situation with the FTPD cruisers. ██████████ described hearing a large volume of additional gunfire at this time and believed it was CPD and FTPD officers returning fire at Ali.

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██████████ said Ali began to flee towards a parking lot on Clime Road while continually firing shots at officers. ██████████ indicated Ali's positional change eliminated the original "crossfire" situation, at which time ██████████ fired two rounds through his windshield at Ali while still seated in the driver's seat of his ██████████. ██████████ indicated he used his sights while firing at Ali and discontinued firing when Ali went to the ground. ██████████ estimated the distance between his vehicle and Ali's vehicle to have been approximately 30-40 feet.

Immediately after the shooting, ██████████ described briefly waiting in his vehicle due to not having any law enforcement identifiers on his person. After observing officers approach Ali, ██████████ described retrieving and putting on his law enforcement placarded vest in order for on scene officers to recognize him as law enforcement. ██████████ said by the time he put his vest on, he observed uniformed officers rendering aid to Ali and heard a CPD officer identify himself as being shot.

██████████ said he did not participate in any additional activities on scene due to the large and rapid response of additional law enforcement officers and the fact that he had fired his firearm. ██████████ said he and ██████████ were ultimately approached by a sergeant from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and transported to a CPD facility where they were later photographed by the BCI Crime Scene Unit. ██████████ said he has had no additional conversations with officers involved in the shooting other than when he and ██████████ confirmed they both fired their weapons.

In reference to the time of the shooting, ██████████ acknowledged he believed Ali to be firing at the CPD officer/cruiser or himself. ██████████ indicated it was his belief Ali's actions and intentions were to harm or kill law enforcement officers on scene. ██████████ acknowledged Ali's behavior placed him in fear for his safety as well as the safety of others in the area. ██████████ did not believe a less lethal or hands on option would have been an appropriate response while faced with gunfire. ██████████ indicated he did not believe there was any alternative use of force he could have deployed to stop Ali's actions. ██████████ believed his actions were consistent with his training and experience as a law enforcement officer.

██████████ confirmed he has never had a personal or professional interaction with Ali prior to this incident. ██████████ did not know if Ali had any previous dealings with law enforcement.

██████████ 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 fired. ██████████ put his initials on the front seat of the ██████████. ██████████ was asked to mark Ali's location when he began firing. ██████████ made an "X" near the middle of the northbound lane on Georgesville Road near Clime Road with an arrow pointing towards the grassy area just to the east of the above intersection. ██████████ was asked to identify the location of any other officers he observed fire during the incident. ██████████ made a "O" near

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the driver's side door of CPD cruiser # [REDACTED] and identified the officer as a male. [REDACTED] signed both visual exhibits and they have been attached to this report.

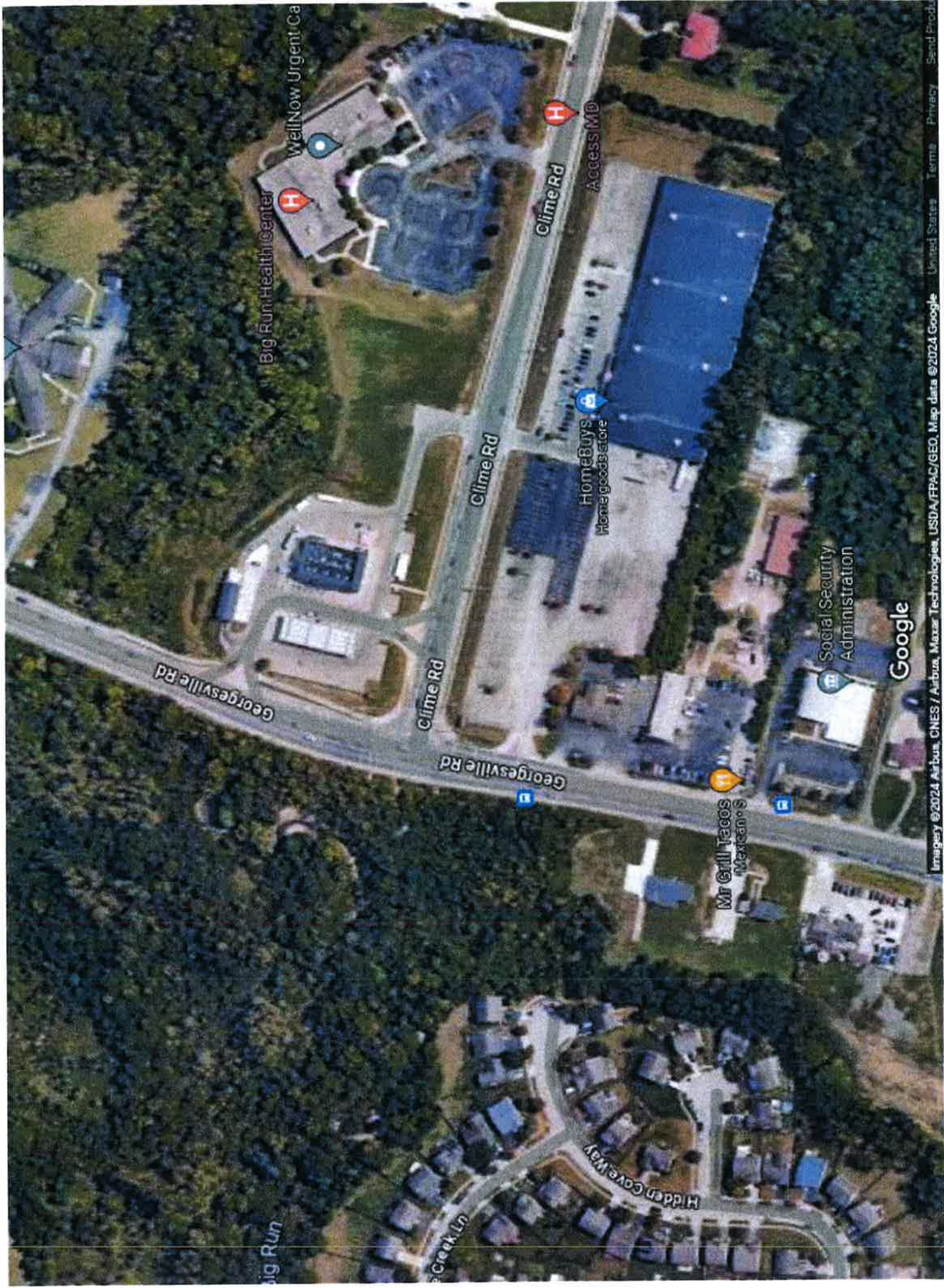
[REDACTED] confirmed he received no threats or coercion to give BCI a statement or to alter his statement in any way.

The interview ended at approximately 1113 hours.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: MCSO [REDACTED] Visual exhibit A
- Attachment # 02: MCSO [REDACTED] Visual exhibit B
- Attachment # 03: MCSO [REDACTED] CIN
- Attachment # 04: MCSO [REDACTED] Interview

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Big Run Health Center
WellNow Urgent Care

Clime Rd

ACCESS MD

Clime Rd

Homebuys
Homegoods store

Georgesville Rd

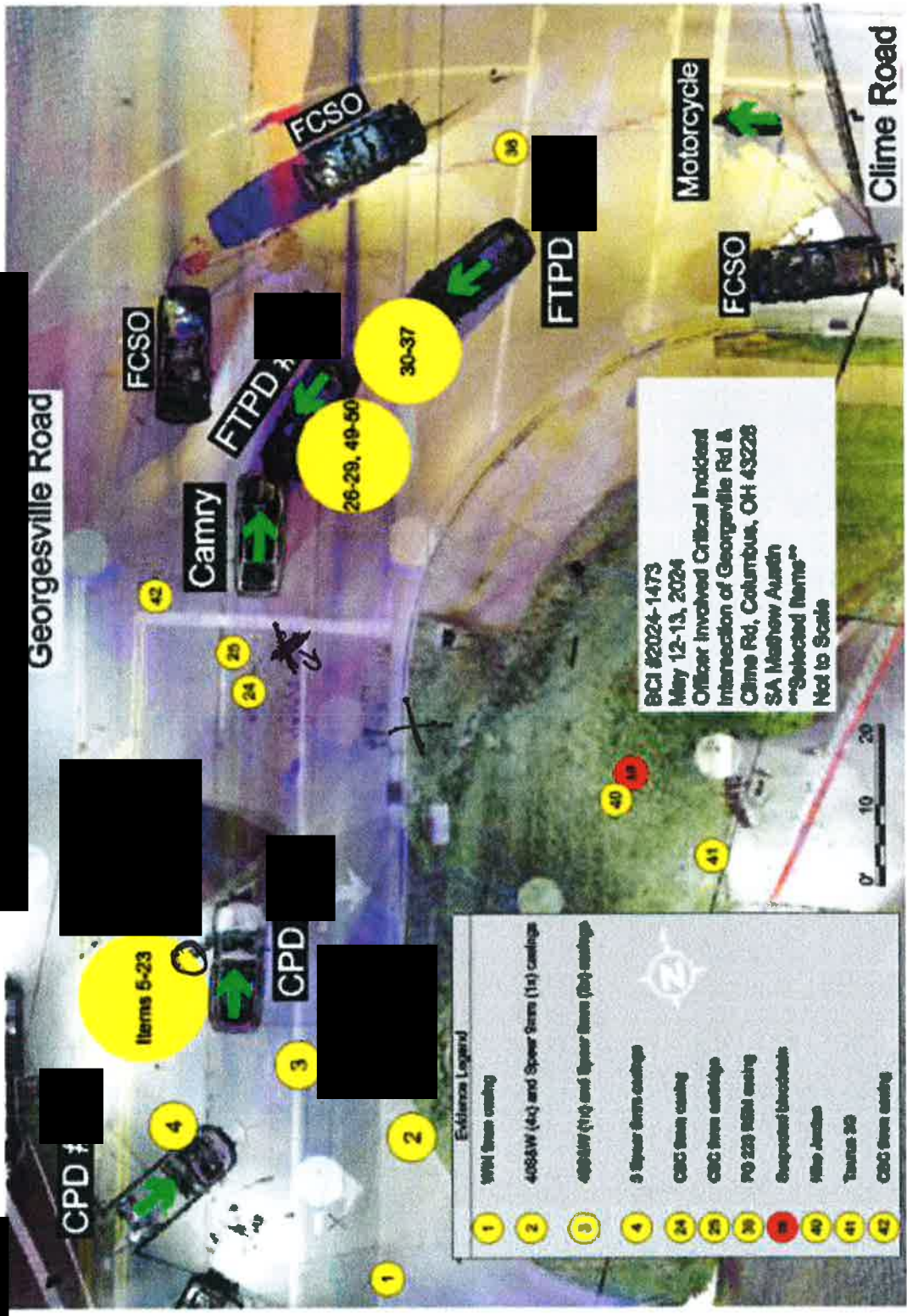
Clime Rd

Georgesville Rd

Social Security
Administration

Mr Grill Tacos
Mexican's

Google



[Redacted]

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Evidence Legend

1	1994 Item casing
2	40S&W (4x) and Spear Stern (1x) casings
3	40S&W (1x) and Spear Stern (2x) casings
4	3 Spear Stern casings
24	CBC Item casing
25	CBC Item casings
36	PO 229 SEM casing
38	Suspected bullet(s)
40	Video Junction
41	Traffic Sign
42	CBC Item casing

BCI #2024-1473
 May 12-13, 2024
 Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Intersection of Georgesville Rd &
 Clime Rd, Columbus, OH 43228
 SA Matthew Austin
 "Selected Items"
 Not to Scale



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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).

[Redacted Name]

Printed Name of Interviewee

5/23/24 9:35am
Date / Time

[Redacted Signature Area]

SA T. Craig Call 5/23/24
BCI Agent (Printed)

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BCI Agent (Signature)