



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: Interview with Witness
Involves: Rachael Lynch (W), Olivia Heckel (W)
Date of Activity: 03/05/2021
Activity Location: – I270 and Noe–Bixby Rd, Columbus, OH 43232, Franklin County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On March 5, 2021, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations was contacted by the Columbus Police Division (CPD) regarding an Officer–Involved Critical Incident (OCIC) that occurred on Interstate 270 N just south of Interstate 70. CPD officials explained that a vehicle pursuit began with a subject, later identified as Andrew Teague, with a felony warrant. CPD said the pursuit was cancelled due to the non–compliance to stop. CPD stated other law enforcement agencies ultimately spotted the vehicle on the I–270 outer belt around Columbus. CPD stated the subject turned around on the interstate and traveled southbound into the northbound traffic on I–270. Law enforcement vehicles pursued Teague until he crashed into oncoming traffic. CPD explained Teague exited his car and shot at police officers. Officers returned gunfire and killed Teague on the roadway. BCI's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Crime Scene Unit (CSU) were contacted for the OCIC investigation.

At approximately 1800 hours, BCI Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser arrived at the scene's location to assist with witness interviews. SA Roeser learned that several vehicles were within the crime scene area with occupants inside those vehicles who needed to be interviewed.

At approximately 1929 hours, SA Roeser contacted Rachal Lynch (driver) and Olivia Heckel (passenger) in their work vehicle, a Ford Transit minivan marked as Art Recovery Technologies. Heckel explained they were driving as expected when they heard and saw cars crashing ahead of their location. Heckel said they were not sure what had happened, but they witnessed a male subject climbing out of the window of his door as they came to a stop. Heckel said it was at that point when Lynch mentioned to her, "he's got a gun." Heckel described the subject as a black male, wearing a white T–shirt, with a bald head.

Lynch said as she witnessed the subject climb out of the car, she saw and heard the subject fire the gun to the rear of the accident's location. Lynch then explained the subject ran to their vehicle's right side and again witnessed the subject shooting backward at the police. Lynch

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stated she then saw the police shoot in the subject's direction, but soon both explained they ducted down inside their vehicle for safety. Heckel said after the gunfire ceased, she witnessed officers perform chest compressions (CPR) on the subject.

The interview between SA Roeser, Heckel, and Lynch was audio-recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

The interview concluded at approximately 1939 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:803_0082 Rachel Lynch and Olivia Heckel