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**Bureau of Criminal Investigation**  
Investigative Report



2022-0407

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1783 Penfield Road, Columbus, OH  
(L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Documentation  
Activity Date: February 24, 2022 and February 28, 2022  
Activity Location: 1783 Penfield Road, Columbus, Ohio  
Columbus Police Impound Lot  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Chad Holcomb, #61

On February 24, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Chad Holcomb, SA Shawn Rowley and Special Agent Supervisor Joshua Durst was assigned to assist the Columbus Police Department (CPD) with an officer involved critical incident. Agents were informed that CPD had received information that a male, JaJuan Ball (Ball), was just involved in a domestic violence incident. An attempt to stop Ball was made and he fled in a vehicle. The vehicle eventually crashed into a house located at 1783 Penfield Road, Columbus, OH. The vehicle and two houses caught fire and Ball was reportedly ejected from the vehicle. He was transported to the hospital where he died due to his injuries.

SA Holcomb arrived on scene at 0456 hours. The scene was photographed as it was upon arrival. A 2012, silver, four-door Ford Taurus (JNV5161) was sitting in the middle of two yards, 1789 Penfield and 1783 Penfield Road. The vehicle had extensive front end damage and the interior of the car had major fire damage. The front windshield was completely missing. Standing water was observed in the front floorboards of the vehicle. The residence of 1783 Penfield Road was closer to the final location of the Taurus and was described as a split-level style home with a garage underneath and sunken driveway with a retaining wall. The south side of the garage area and a Land Rover SUV in the driveway had visible damage from the impact of the vehicle Ball was driving. The second floor had a hole in the siding and agents were able to see inside of what appeared to be a bedroom. 1789 Penfield, a ranch style home, had visible damage to the north side of the structure near the garage door. Bricks from the houses were scattered throughout the side yards.

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*(Ford Taurus located at 1783 Penfield Road)*

Tire tracks were observed in the grass which began in front of 1803 Penfield Road, went northwest through multiple yards and led to the final resting position of the vehicle. A fire hydrant located in front of 1803 Penfield Road had been struck and was completely missing from the base. Multiple pieces of vehicle debris were scattered throughout the yards. A tire was located on the sidewalk across the street from the vehicle. SA Holcomb used a FARO 3D scanner to collect measurements of the scene.

The three CPD cruisers that were on scene during the incident were car [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The interior and exterior of the cruisers were all photographed as they were upon arrival. Car [REDACTED] was parked facing southeast in front of 1795 Penfield. Car [REDACTED] was parked in the driveway of 1790, the house across the street from Ball's vehicle. Car [REDACTED] was parked in the grass, facing northwest near 1756 Penfield (across the street and four houses to the northwest from the vehicle Ball was driving).

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Agents examined the area around the accident location for any potential evidence. Agents did not move any bricks, vehicle parts or any other item in an attempt to not disturb the accident scene. Agents completed their examination of the scene at 0720 hours.

Agents were informed that the officers who had initially been on the scene were all at a CPD substation. SA Rowley and SAS Durst traveled to this substation and examined the involved officer's firearms (see table below).

Officer, Badge & Vehicle	Firearm	Ammunition
Ofc. [REDACTED], Car [REDACTED]	Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm, SN: [REDACTED]	Three full magazines (17 cartridges) and 1 cartridge in the chamber
Ofc. [REDACTED], Car [REDACTED]	Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm, SN: [REDACTED]	Three full magazines (17 cartridges) and 1 cartridge in the chamber
Ofc. [REDACTED], Car [REDACTED]	Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm, SN: [REDACTED]	Three full magazines (17 cartridges) and 1 cartridge in the chamber
Ofc. [REDACTED], Jr. [REDACTED], Car [REDACTED]	Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm, SN: [REDACTED]	Three full magazines (17 cartridges) and 1 cartridge in the chamber

Based off the above cartridge counts and lack of firearms evidence located at the crash scene, it appeared that no officers discharged their weapons during the incident.

As BCI Agents were leaving, The Ohio State Highway Patrol arrived on scene to handle the crash report. The Ford Taurus was then towed to the CPD felony impound lot.

On February 18, 2022, SA Holcomb along with BCI Agents from the Special Investigations Unit met at the Columbus Police impound lot. At the guidance of the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, an inventory search of the Ford Taurus was conducted. Agents began inventorying the vehicle at 1127 hours. The vehicle was photographed as it was upon arrival.

The vehicle had been covered up with a large tarp in an attempt to protect it from the outside elements. All doors were unable to be opened except the rear passenger side door. The truck and the front driver side door were forced open in an attempt to further examine the vehicle. The interior of the vehicle had extensive fire damage and no items were located in the vehicle due to the fire damage. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) located the vehicle's black-box and removed it to be analyzed. OSP stated there was no data on the black-box from the crash on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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*(Fire damage to the interior front seats of the vehicle)*

No items inside the vehicle were located to be inventoried. Agents completed their inventory of the vehicle at 1225 hours.

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