



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
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Investigative Report**



2025-3317

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1444 N. High St.,
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Investigative Activity: Interview w/ Involved Officer
Involves: [REDACTED]
Activity Date: 12/08/2025
Activity Location: 4683 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220
Authoring Agent: SA Kyle Douglass

Narrative:

On Monday, December 08, 2025, at 1309 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and SA James Gore (SA Gore) interviewed Columbus Division of Police (CPD) [REDACTED], who was accompanied by his attorney, Nicole Wannemacher, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the law office of Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman. BCI SA Joshua Lish (SA Lish) was also present during the interview. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form. [REDACTED] acknowledged he understood the interview was voluntary and agreed to answer questions regarding the officer-involved critical incident which occurred on October 12, 2025.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Assignment: [REDACTED]	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Injuries: None

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Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Taser	Uniform Worn: Standard patrol
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Military Experience/Training: None	Use-of-Force Training: Recurring

Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Smith & Wesson	Model: M&P 2.0
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed
Magazine Capacity: 17	Extra Magazines: 2
Optic: Fixed sights	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Number of Rounds Fired: 11-12 (estimated)
Ownership: Department Owned	Last Qualification Date: 02-13-2025

Narrative:

Prior to the date of the interview, [REDACTED] prepared a written statement regarding his involvement in the incident, which was provided to BCI. In his statement, [REDACTED] wrote the following:

"I was nearing High Street when I noticed a male on the sidewalk, waiving his hand in the air, trying to get my attention, and walking towards my cruiser. I stopped my cruiser, and he stated he has a business right there and that two guys had just pulled a gun on him. He stated that the one in a gray hoodie had the gun and threatened to come back do something to his business. At this time, another male walked up and stated that they (the suspects) went behind the library and have a gun. I aired the information over the radio and drove towards High Street. As I did this, the two males walked towards High Street and one of them pointed and yelled that it was one of the suspects. I saw an individual in a gray hoodie walking east across High Street. I aired that I had one of them in front of the Village Idiot (a bar), as I turned south onto High Street."

[REDACTED] described his encounter with the involved subject, who has since been identified as Ta'Shawn Davis (Davis), and explained, *"I pulled my cruiser onto High Street and stopped. The suspect was still walking east and was now in the middle of the street. As I exited my cruiser, I drew my weapon from its holster. I yelled at the suspect*

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to get his hands up while I used the light on my gun to illuminate the suspect. He looked at me and his eyes got large, like I had startled him. He paused for half a second but then ignored me and continued across High Street. Once he reached the grass in front of the Lantern Square Apartments, he started running. I saw him bend his arm at a 45-degree angle, with his elbow out and his hand near his waistband/appendix area and pull out a large object. A second later I realized that it was gun. I aired his description and that he had a 33 (10- code for a gun). I yelled at him to show me his hands or I would shoot him. He ignored me and kept running. He ran towards the steps that lead down to the common area which has several round tables with umbrellas and separates the two apartment buildings. I ran after him. He ran down the steps and tripped at the bottom of them and dropped the gun. He picked it back up."

██████████ wrote the following information regarding his involvement in the shooting incident, *"He ran straight (east) through the common area. He went slightly to his left (north). The gun was still in his right hand, and his left shoulder started to turn back towards me, and I thought he was turning to shoot me. I discharged my weapon. The suspect went to the ground and I believe I heard the gun hit the cement. I saw the gun on the ground just a couple inches above his head. I aired 10-3 (the code for officer in trouble) and "shots fired" and for a 24 (which is the code for a medic). The suspect moved slightly to the right and lifted his head up. He was also moving his right hand. I yelled at him to stay away from the gun and not to move. About a minute later, an OSU officer arrived. We approached the suspect. The OSU Officer kicked the gun away from above the suspect. I started to secure the suspect's arms while the OSU officer held cover. As I did this, multiple other officers arrived on scene. CPD Officer Eisenhut secured the suspect in handcuffs. Officers began rendering aid to the suspect. As there were numerous officers on scene, I let them provide aid and secure the scene. I walked back to High St."*

██████████ explained his decision to fire his duty pistol, *"At the time I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life. I gave the suspect multiple verbal commands which he ignored and refused to surrender. I do not recall him making any statements during this incident. Several seconds before I discharged my weapon, the suspect tripped/stumbled and dropped his gun. Instead of leaving it, he picked the gun up and ran straight ahead. Immediately before I fired, the suspect had cut to his left (north) and then started to turn to his left (towards me). I believed he did this to turn and fire at me because there was no reason for him to go to his left or start to turn with the gun in his hand because the only exit from this area was on the east and west ends. On the north side there were only doors/windows that open directly into the apartments*

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and a brick wall. Since he turned towards the north, I thought he was doing it to get a tactical advantage and fire at me because there was nowhere for him to escape to the north. I believe he expected me to follow him down the steps. If I had followed him down the steps, I would have been caught in what is referred to as the fatal funnel (a choke point) and at a tactical disadvantage. Since he had just dropped and picked up the gun and was turning in a direction that clearly did not offer an escape route, I believed he was turning to shoot and seriously injure or kill me. I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life from the suspect's deadly threat at the time I fired my weapon."

In his statement, ██████ explained he usually carries his pistol with a fully loaded 17-round magazine and one additional round in the chamber. ██████ believed the magazine may have only contained 16 rounds during the shooting, as he later discovered a round of ammunition in his gun safe after the incident had concluded.

In his statement, ██████ articulated that a taser would not have been a reasonable response due to several factors including time, distance, and his observation of Davis to be armed with a handgun.

██████ was asked several follow-up questions regarding the incident. ██████ recalled giving Davis multiple verbal commands to show his hands and to drop his gun, to which Davis did not comply. ██████ observed Davis made eye contact with him and said, "There was no doubt [Davis] recognized me a police officer." ██████ described Davis's firearm and stated, "I saw a large, full-framed black handgun in his right hand."

██████ confirmed Davis dropped his gun, then picked it up and continued running. ██████ described Davis running eastbound and then "cutting" northbound and starting to turn towards ██████. ██████ believed when Davis turned northbound, he was turning towards ██████ to aim his gun and shoot ██████.

██████ confirmed he perceived Davis as an immediate threat due to his observation of Davis in possession of a firearm. ██████ also indicated he believed Davis posed a threat to the owners of the nearby hookah café, whom Davis had allegedly pointed a firearm at, or potentially a threat to anyone else from the general public he may have encountered had he fled the area where ██████ confronted him. ██████ expressed concerns about how densely populated the area around the shooting incident occurred, being in the Ohio State University campus area and the time of night being shortly after the bars in the area had closed.

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██████████ discussed the severity of the crime which Davis had allegedly committed before the shooting incident. ██████████ recalled one of the male owners from the hookah café claimed he been assaulted by Davis, and that "the suspect" (Davis) was armed with a gun. ██████████ explained Davis had potentially committed or attempted an armed robbery and/or felonious assault when he pointed his gun at the owners of the hookah café. ██████████ was unsure if Davis was involved in an earlier robbery which had occurred in the Gateway District area on the same night. ██████████ also remembered the café owners reported Davis had threatened them verbally and indicated that he (Davis) was going to return to the café. ██████████ indicated that he believed Davis may have been attempting to return to the hookah café based on his direction of travel.

██████████ concurred that he would describe the shooting incident as tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving. ██████████ described the incident as "very fast" and estimated that the entire incident occurred within a matter of seconds.

██████████ believed his response and use of force was consistent with his training and experience as a law enforcement officer, and consistent with CPD's use of force policy. ██████████ did not know or recognize Davis and did not recall having any previous encounters with him personally or professionally.

██████████ confirmed that since the date of the shooting incident, he had been informed that Davis's gun was a "pellet" or "BB" gun. ██████████ explained that during the incident he did not have enough time or information to deduce whether Davis's gun was a real firearm. "There was nothing about it, in its shape or how he acted that made me think that it was not a firearm."

██████████ was provided with printed overhead maps of the incident area, which he used during the interview to explain his location and direction of travel throughout the incident.

██████████ confirmed his written statement was true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and signed a hard copy of his written statement which was provided to BCI agents.

The interview concluded at approximately 1344 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

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References:

No references

Attachments:

1. 2025-12-08 Interview Audio - CPD [REDACTED]
2. CIN - CPD [REDACTED]
3. Signed Statement - CPD [REDACTED]
4. Scene Overhead Maps - [REDACTED]

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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]
Printed Name of Interviewee

12/8/25 112pm
Date / Time

[Redacted]

Kyle Douglass
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature]
BCI Agent (Signature)

[Signature]

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] BADGE NO. [REDACTED]

This statement is regarding my involvement in an incident that occurred on Sunday, October 12, 2025, between approximately 3:35 a.m. and 3:40 a.m., in Columbus, Ohio. I am voluntarily providing this statement as part of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) into this matter.

My date of hire with the Columbus Division of Police (CPD or the Division) is [REDACTED]. I obtained my Ohio Peace Officer Training certificate from Central Ohio Technical College in [REDACTED]. Prior to joining CPD, I served as a police officer for Otterbein University. Prior to serving at Otterbein, I was a police officer in Granville, Ohio and I was also a reserve officer for Put-in-Bay. I do not have any military experience. I do not currently have any uses of force in my file that were found outside of policy.

My regular assignment with CPD is [REDACTED]. My regular duty hours are [REDACTED]. My regular days off are [REDACTED]. My immediate supervisor is Lieutenant Ingles.

On the day of this incident, I was wearing the CPD patrol uniform consisting of navy pants and short sleeved shirt that has CPD patches on both shoulders. I was also wearing an external ballistic vest which displayed my CPD badge. I had my body worn camera (BWC) mounted on the outside of my vest and it was activated during this incident. I was clearly identifiable as a police officer.

I was carrying my Division-issued Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 9mm service weapon which had a mounted Surefire X300 Turbo flashlight. It was loaded with division-issued ammunition. I carry my weapon fully loaded with 17 in the magazine and 1 in the chamber. I also carry two fully loaded extra magazines. I am current in my range qualifications with this

weapon. I was not carrying a backup firearm. I was not working with a partner. I was in cruiser [REDACTED]. It has a mobile data terminal (MDT) which displays computer aided dispatch (CAD) information. It also has a Cruiser Video System (CVS) and I believe it was active during this incident. I was operating on radio channel Zone 4.

I do not wear glasses or contacts and my uncorrected vision is good. I do not wear hearing aids and my hearing is good. I do not suffer from any disabilities. I was not taking any medication, prescription or over the counter, which could impact the performance of my duties. I had not consumed any alcohol in the 24 hours before this incident. I did not work any special duty in the 24-hour period prior to this incident. I did come in at [REDACTED], on the day of this incident, and worked 5 hours of overtime prior to the start of my regular shift. I arrived at the start of my shift well-rested.

Immediately before this incident, I was in the Short North handling a cruiser accident report, as an unoccupied CPD cruiser had been struck by a drunk driver. I was photographing the damage when dispatch aired that there was a robbery in the area of High Street and 10th/11th Avenue near the "Gateway" area of The Ohio State University Campus. I believe the information relayed was that a necklace was stolen and shortly after that it was aired that someone was running. I headed to the area to assist. I believe I was on Summit Street when it was aired that the officers had apprehended the suspect. Since the suspect was in custody, I turned west on 8th Avenue.

I was nearing High Street when I noticed a male on the sidewalk, waving his hand in the air, trying to get my attention, and walking towards my cruiser. I stopped my cruiser, and he stated he has a business right there and that two guys had just pulled a gun on him. He stated that the one in a gray hoodie had the gun and threatened to come back do something to his

business. At this time, another male walked up and stated that they (the suspects) went behind the library and have a gun. I aired the information over the radio and drove towards High Street. As I did this, the two males walked towards High Street and one of them pointed and yelled that it was one of the suspects. I saw an individual in a gray hoodie walking east across High Street. I aired that I had one of them in front of the Village Idiot (a bar), as I turned south onto High Street.

I pulled my cruiser onto High Street and stopped. The suspect was still walking east and was now in the middle of the street. As I exited my cruiser, I drew my weapon from its holster. I yelled at the suspect to get his hands up while I used the light on my gun to illuminate the suspect. He looked at me and his eyes got large, like I had startled him. He paused for half a second but then ignored me and continued across High Street. Once he reached the grass in front of the Lantern Square Apartments, he started running. I saw him bend his arm at a 45-degree angle, with his elbow out and his hand near his waistband/appendix area and pull out a large object. A second later I realized that it was gun. I aired his description and that he had a 33 (10-code for a gun). I yelled at him to show me his hands or I would shoot him. He ignored me and kept running. He ran towards the steps that lead down to the common area which has several round tables with umbrellas and separates the two apartment buildings. I ran after him. He ran down the steps and tripped at the bottom of them and dropped the gun. He picked it back up.

He ran straight (east) through the common area. He went slightly to his left (north). The gun was still in his right hand, and his left shoulder started to turn back towards me, and I thought he was turning to shoot me. I discharged my weapon. The suspect went to the ground and I believe I heard the gun hit the cement. I saw the gun on the ground just a couple inches above his head. I aired 10-3 (the code for officer in trouble) and "shots fired" and for a 24

(which is the code for a medic). The suspect moved slightly to the right and lifted his head up. He was also moving his right hand. I yelled at him to stay away from the gun and not to move. About a minute later, an OSU officer arrived. We approached the suspect. The OSU Officer kicked the gun away from above the suspect. I started to secure the suspect's arms while the OSU officer held cover. As I did this, multiple other officers arrived on scene. CPD Officer Eisenhut secured the suspect in handcuffs. Officers began rendering aid to the suspect. As there were numerous officers on scene, I let them provide aid and secure the scene. I walked back to High St.

A CPD Officer Support Team Member had also arrived and I left the scene. I went to the midwatch CPD substation. I waited there for BCI Agents to arrive. There they photographed me and collected my weapon. After discharging my weapon, it remained in my possession until it was collected by BCI. This ended my involvement in this incident.

I believe I fired 11-12 rounds at the suspect. This is based on the round count as I had 6 rounds remaining. I generally carry my magazine fully loaded with 17 rounds and one in the chamber. However, after this incident, I found a round in my gun safe and realized my magazine may have only had 16 rounds in it. During the incident I was not sure exactly how many times I had fired. I fired in rapid succession and I believe I fired all of my rounds in 2 seconds. I believe I was approximately 20-25 feet from the suspect. I believe I fired with a two-handed grip, from a standing, elevated position. I did not have any cover or concealment. I believe I used my fixed sights. The direction of my shots was east. My backdrop was the cement of the courtyard and the lower part of the brick exterior walls of the apartments as I was firing from an elevated position. I did not see any civilians in the immediate area. My target was the suspect's center mass. I stopped firing because the suspect fell to the ground and dropped the gun.

At the time I fired my weapon, I was in fear for my life. I gave the suspect multiple verbal commands which he ignored and refused to surrender. I do not recall him making any statements during this incident. Several seconds before I discharged my weapon, the suspect tripped/stumbled and dropped his gun. Instead of leaving it, he picked the gun up and ran straight ahead. Immediately before I fired, the suspect had cut to his left (north) and then started to turn to his left (towards me). I believed he did this to turn and fire at me because there was no reason for him to go to his left or start to turn with the gun in his hand because the only exit from this area was on the east and west ends. On the north side there were only doors/windows that open directly into the apartments and a brick wall. Since he turned towards the north, I thought he was doing it to get a tactical advantage and fire at me because there was nowhere for him to escape to the north. I believe he expected me to follow him down the steps. If I had followed him down the steps, I would have been caught in what is referred to as the fatal funnel (a choke point) and at a tactical disadvantage. Since he had just dropped and picked up the gun and was turning in a direction that clearly did not offer an escape route, I believed he was turning to shoot and seriously injure or kill me. I do not believe I had any other reasonable alternative to protect my life from the suspect's deadly threat at the time I fired my weapon.

At the time of this incident, I did have a taser on my duty belt. However, I did not use my taser as the use of a taser requires time, distance, barrier, lethal force backup and reasonableness. As the suspect was armed and I was alone and did not have barrier and lethal force backup, it would not have been reasonable to use a taser. I was also too far from the suspect to use a taser and would have had to point the taser at a downward angle. I believe that my actions during this incident were consistent with my training and experience as a police

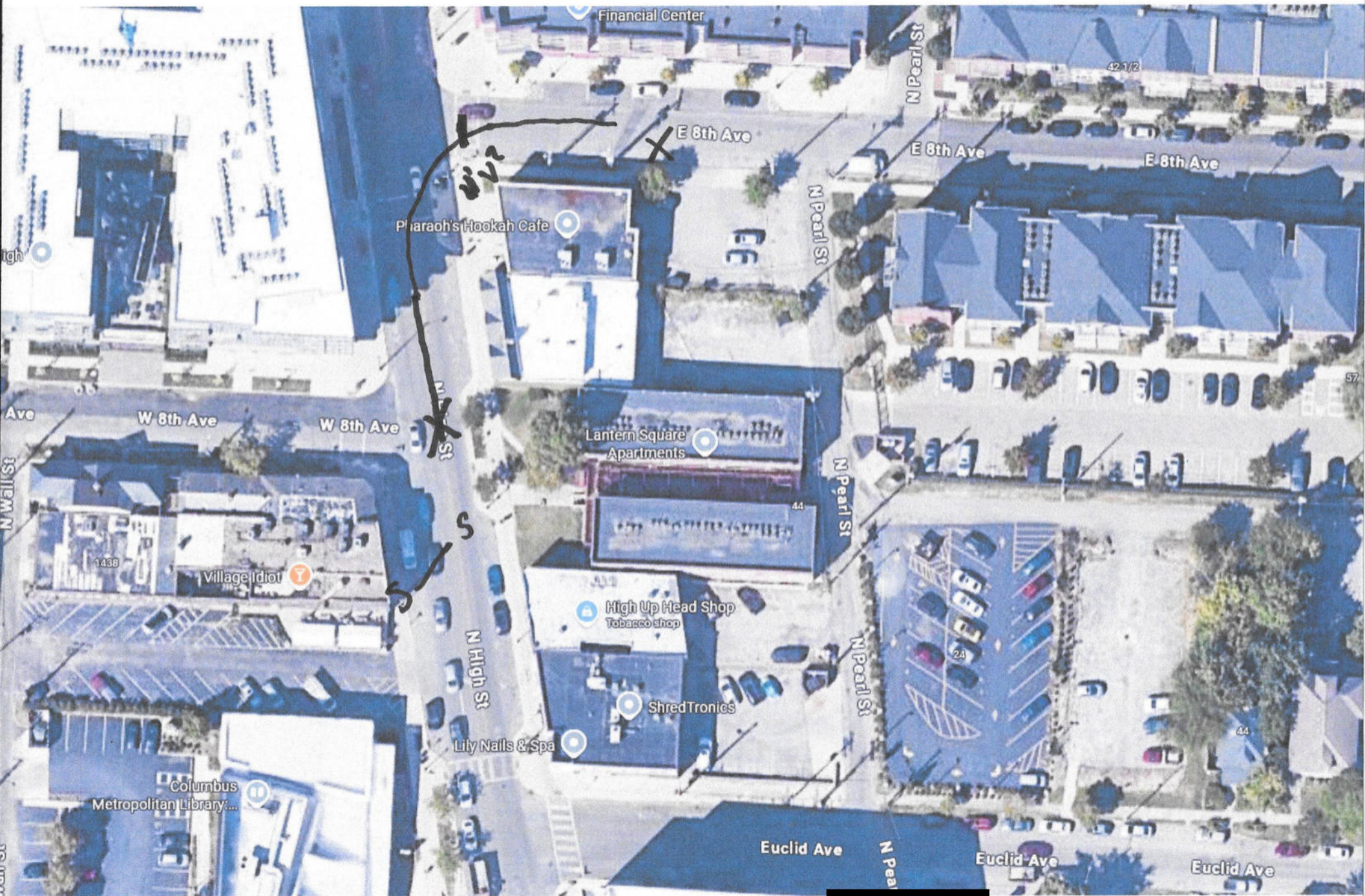
officer. I believe that my actions were consistent with Division policy as well as state and federal law.

I know now that the name of the suspect is TaShawn Davis. However, I did not recognize him and do not believe I have ever had any prior encounters, personal or professional, with him.

I have now had an opportunity to review the Body Worn Camera footage of this incident. Upon review of the footage, I realize that I had initially aired that I was in the area of High Street and 9th Avenue when it was actually High Street and 8th Avenue. I also realize that the brightness of my light may have overpowered the body worn camera and made it difficult to capture images that my eyes could see.

This concludes my statement.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Badge # [REDACTED]



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