



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: Chris Brooks (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) concerning 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, who had 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 Outerbelt 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) was contacted for the OICI 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 1905 hours, SA Roeser contacted Chris Brooks, the driver and sole occupant of his 2018 Ford F–150, Ohio license plate number HOL9627. Brooks stated around 1630 hours, he was northbound on I–270 in the left lane (passing lane) when he noticed vehicles in front of him brake.

Brooks said as he came to rest on the roadway due to the debris field, the subject's vehicle came to rest parallel to his truck vehicle. Brooks said he witnessed the subject struggling with his airbags after the crash. Brooks said he then heard a "pop" as the subject was inside his vehicle and attempting to exit through the driver's side window. Brooks then said he listened to more "pops" as the subject left his car. Brooks stated he then realized the "pops" were gunfire.

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Brooks explained soon after the subject was out of his car, he saw police, approximately two officers, running on the roadway in his direction. Brooks stated as the subject ran past him, the police were in a foot chase. Brooks explained soon after was when he heard gunfire to his rear. Brooks said as he was turned around in his truck, he saw one of the officers fire his weapon. Brooks described the subject as a black male, shorter in height with a bald head. Brooks said he never saw the subject with a gun but did explain as he ran away; his gait was awkward.

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

The interview concluded at approximately 1916 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:803_0081 Chris Brooks