

# Maple Heights PD

Incident Number

22-10109588

Investigative Report

Title / Subject: DECARLO FIELDS INTERVIEW

On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, I, Det. C. Faunce #528, responded to the Maple Heights Jail to interview DeCarlo W. Fields. Upon entering the Maple Heights Jail, I spoke with DeCarlo in the BAC room.

I started off by advising DeCarlo of his Constitutional Rights which he stated he understood. I explained to DeCarlo that I was requesting a DNA standard from him. I explained that it would be used as a comparison to DNA that would be located off evidence found in the car. The Maple Heights Police Department Consent to withdraw DNA form was completed. DeCarlo Fields again agreed and signed the consent to with draw DNA. Using sterile cotton swabs, and nitrile gloves, I swabbed the inside of both DeCarlo Fields mouth. I rubbed one swab on his left cheek and the second on his right cheek. The swabs were then placed into a new white box. The box was then placed into an evidence envelope that was later entered into evidence.

I then asked DeCarlo if he was willing to talk with me about the incident. DeCarlo stated the conversation by asking about his brother, the driver, who he called "Weedy" being shot and killed. DeCarlo wanted to know why he was shot and killed. I did confirm that his brother was shot by a member of the Maple Heights Police Department but could not comment further due to that investigation being conducted by Cleveland Police Department.

DeCarlo stated he was walking on Clement St. with his bag of clothes and called his brother for a ride. DeCarlo stated he got picked up and sat in the passenger seat of the car. DeCarlo indicated he was coming over a bridge by Granger Rd. DeCarlo stated the Police lights were on but they were not behind them. The Police did a U-turn and got behind them. DeCarlo though they were just getting pulled over and he didn't stop. DeCarlo began to wonder why he did not stop. DeCarlo wanted him to pull over and let him out. The next thing he knows is after the car hit the deer, he heard a cop told him "I'm going to pop your ass" so he got out and ran. That was it.

I then asked DeCarlo where he was picked up from. DeCarlo again said Clement St. When the vehicle was observed by officers, it was traveling east on Libby Rd. The vehicle was traveling toward Clement St. So, I began to explain to DeCarlo, the locations he is giving me is not possible due to the direction the car was observed traveling. DeCarlo stated after he was picked up they traveled west on Libby Rd. DeCarlo stated he does not know where they turned around (due to the airbag in the crash) if it was the gas station or a U-turn how he was driving east. DeCarlo stated they were driving back over the bridge and the police were coming the oncoming way with the lights on when they did a U-turn. The next thing he knew the car sped up and the driver stated he was not stopping. DeCarlo stated he wanted to get out but he couldn't because the car was going too fast.

I then asked DeCarlo what time he was picked up at. DeCarlo stated it was really late. DeCarlo didn't know exactly when it was he didn't know it was 0400, 0300 or 0430 he just knew it was late. I then asked how long before the pursuit was he picked up. He said it had to be right before. He then stated they picked him up with his bag of clothes and started traveling west. He indicated there was a store but does not remember if they went to the store. DeCarlo can only remember traveling east on Libby Rd. DeCarlo saw the police but didn't know they were going to mess with them. As far as DeCarlo knew there was nothing being done to be stopped by the police because he just got in the car. DeCarlo stated he was in the car long enough for him to get picked up on Clement St. drive west on Libby Rd. and turn around to drive east on Libby Rd. when the when the police saw him. As Soon as they turned around is when the police saw them. DeCarlo stated he does not know if the police saw them turning around but he saw the police coming. Then the police turned around and the

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high-speed pursuit happened. DeCarlo stated he had his seatbelt on and put his arms in front of him to brace when he saw they were going to hit the dear. He stated "the air bad knocked him out something crazy." He stated he got a headache and as he was trying to shake it, he heard the police say they were going to "pop" him. DeCarlo then exited the car and began to run because he did not know what was going on and he was scared. He stated he got out because they were saying they did something and he was the only one in the car and he looked crazy too for being in the car. DeCarlo did not want to get treated like he did something. DeCarlo admits he was definitely wrong for running. When the police told him, he was going to "pop him" he ran because the police told it to him again and he did not want to get shot by the police. Then he came to find out the police shot his brother so he had too.

DeCarlo stated he did not want to write his statement out due to it being recorded and him not wanting to do all that writing.

The Interview was recorded on my POV camera. The video will be burned to a DVD and entered into evidence.

This supplement will be added to the original report.

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