



FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Detective Bureau

NEWS RELEASE

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Date: May 14, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Type of Offense: Officer Involved Shooting
Date Occurred: May 12, 2018 Time Occurred: 6:25 p.m.
Location of Offense: Harrisburg Pike and Eakin Road

Narrative of Incident: Sheriff Dallas Baldwin states, on May 12, 2018 at approximately 6:25pm, the Columbus Police Department received a report of a hit skip in the area of Bohnburg Avenue and Big Run Bluff in Southwest Franklin County. The vehicle, a black Ford truck, hit a parked car and fled the scene. The caller reported that the truck was last seen going west bound on Frank Road from Gantz Road and was driving recklessly.

Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Jacob Heaberlin located the vehicle on Harrisburg Pike and attempted to make a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle refused to stop and fled from Deputy Heaberlin who continued to pursue the vehicle.

The suspect vehicle hit another vehicle and then a utility pole at Eakin Road and Harrisburg Pike where it came to a stop. As Deputy Heaberlin approached the driver of the suspect vehicle, identified as 55 year old Darrell Bruffy, Bruffy opened fire with a handgun on Deputy Heaberlin striking him in the lower abdomen. Deputy Heaberlin and Franklin Township Police Officers Roger Myers and Joe Sheridan who had arrived on scene returned fire at Bruffy striking him several times.

Deputy Heaberlin was transported to a local hospital where he remains in stable condition. Darrell Bruffy was pronounced dead at the scene by responding medics. Officers Myers and Sheridan were not injured. No bystanders or others involved in the traffic crashes have reported injuries.

This incident remains under investigation by the Franklin County Sheriff's and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.