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Two East Cleveland Officers Indicted on Charges for Tampering with Evidence and Telecommunications Fraud for Incident That Occurred on March 12, 2023

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Larry McDonald, 46, and Anthony Holmes, 36, for tampering with evidence and telecommunications fraud among other charges for an incident that occurred on March 12, 2023.

On March 12, 2023, East Cleveland Police Commander Larry McDonald attempted to execute a traffic stop on the victim, 42, in East Cleveland. The pursuit ended when the victim crashed his vehicle into a bus stop near Ivanhoe Road and St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland. Commander McDonald saw the crash and then fled the scene. A Good Samaritan called the police and the Cleveland Division of Police (CPD) responded to the scene.

Evidence revealed Commander McDonald did not report to dispatch that he was engaged in a pursuit or that the crash had happened. Additionally, Sergeant Anthony Holmes contacted McDonald and advised him of the accident. Sergeant Holmes knew that CPD initiated an investigation and withheld knowledge of McDonald's involvement in the pursuit.

Larry McDonald was indicted on the following charges:

- **One count** of **Tampering With Evidence**
- **One count** of **Failure To Stop After Accident**
- **One count** of **Telecommunications Fraud**
- **One count** of **Obstructing Official Business**
- **One count** of **Dereliction Of Duty**

Anthony Holmes was indicted on the following charges:

- **One count** of **Tampering With Evidence**
- **One count** of **Telecommunications Fraud**
- **One count** of **Obstructing Justice**
- **One count** of **Obstructing Official Business**
- **One count** of **Dereliction Of Duty**

Additional charges were added to Officers Anthony Holmes and Tristan Homan for the previously indicted October 3, 2021, incident. Ian McInnes was previously charged in this incident.

On October 3, 2021, East Cleveland Police Officers Ian McInnes, 39, and Tristan Homan, 25, attempted to execute a traffic stop on the victim, 16, in East Cleveland. The pursuit ended near East 105th Street and Superior Avenue in Cleveland. After the pursuit, the victim sat down and placed his hands in the air. Officer McInnes ran up to the victim and kicked him in the groin.

Tristan Homan and Anthony Holmes were indicted on the following additional charges:

- **One count** of **Tampering With Records**
- **One count** of **Telecommunications Fraud**
- **One count** of **Dereliction Of Duty**
- **One count** of **Assault**

An additional charge was added to Officer Tre Dehart Robinson, 28, for the previously indicted on February 25, 2020. McInnes was previously charged in this incident.

On February 25, 2020, East Cleveland police officers attempted to execute a traffic stop on the victim, 24, in East Cleveland. The pursuit ended near East 125th and Tuscora Avenue. The victim fled on foot near Thornhill Avenue and Forbes Drive in Cleveland. The victim surrendered to the officers. One officer tased the victim and he fell to the ground. While the victim was on the ground, Officer Ian McInnes kicked the victim in the ribs. Immediately after the kick, Tre Dehart Robinson turned off his body camera. The victim complied with the officers' commands.

Tre Dehart Robinson was indicted on the following charge:

- **One count** of **Tampering With Evidence**

The investigation was conducted with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

You can view the superceding indictment here.

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office declines to comment further due to an ongoing investigation.

The FBI has set up a hotline to collect information regarding potential public corruption and civil rights violations committed by the East Cleveland Police Department.

If you have any information about this matter or other potentially criminal matters involving the East Cleveland Police Department, please contact 216.583.5343 leaving your name, number, and a brief description of the alleged criminal activities.