

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Investigative Report



2023–0290 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson, OH 45640 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Trooper Marlin Folden (W)

Date of Activity: 01/31/2023

Activity Location: OSHP Jackson Post - 10179 Chillicothe Pike, Jackson, OH 45640,

Jackson County

Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On January 31, 2023 at approximately 1851 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Craig Call (SA Call) and Special Agent Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) obtained an audio recorded statement from Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Investigator Trooper Marlin Folden (Trooper Folden) in reference to his involvement in the shooting incident involving members of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) and William Beach (Beach). The incident occurred over a period of several hours on the above–mentioned date and ultimately resulted with Beach being fatally shot by JCSO Lieutenant (Lt. Trooper Folden's statement was obtained at the Jackson County OSHP post located at 10179 Chillicothe Pike, Jackson, Ohio. This report is a summation of the statement Trooper Folden provided and an audio copy has been added to the case file.

In addition, Trooper Folden kept a handwritten timeline of events once he arrived on scene to document the situation. Throughout the interview with SA Call and SA Mulford, he referenced specific times of events and used this document to do so. At the conclusion of the interview, Trooper Folden provided SA Call with this timeline of events and it has been added to the case file.

Trooper Folden is a 25 year veteran of the OSHP, has been assigned to the Jackson County OSHP post since 2000, and has been assigned as an investigator since 2015. Trooper Folden is also a member of the OSHP hostage and negotiation team (HNT).

Trooper Folden was at the Chillicothe OSHP post when he and Trooper Sherri Wells (Trooper Wells) were requested to respond to 1818 Jisco West Road to assist the JCSO with an armed and barricaded subject, later identified as William Beach. Trooper Folden arrived on scene at

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approximately 1314 hours and observed several JCSO deputies, JCSO Chief Deputy Scott Conley (Chief Conley), OSHP Sgt. Aaron Hayes (Sgt. Hayes), and Trooper Wells attempting to make contact with Beach inside the residence at 1818 Jisco West Road. Trooper Folden described the residence as a lawn mower shed with the approximate dimensions of 15ft. by 15ft.

Trooper Folden described being informed by Chief Conley and Lt. that the initial officers attempting to make contact with Beach observed him holding a hatchet style axe in one hand and a gun in the other while positioned near the front door of the residence. Upon receiving this information, Trooper Folden began preparing the HNT equipment he responded with to aid with negotiations. Trooper Folden identified JCSO Deputy Spangler (Deputy Spangler) and Trooper Wells as the primary negotiators. Trooper Folden prepared a "throw phone" to be utilized as a better means of communication with Beach and it was ultimately placed through the front window of the residence by Lt. and another JCSO deputy at approximately 1328 hours. Trooper Folden said there was some communication between Beach and Trooper Wells and Deputy Spangler, however he could not hear the specifics due to his location. After a period of time, Trooper Folden described JCSO Sheriff Ted Frazier (Sheriff Frazier) as announcing to Beach that he had a cigarette for him if he came out of the residence, however this tactic was unsuccessful.

Shortly after Sheriff Frazier's announcement, approximately 1411 hours, Trooper Folden described observing JCSO deputies move to the front of the residence in a "stack" formation with a deputy utilizing a ballistic shield at the front of the formation. Trooper Folden described the deputies in the stack as being dressed in green bdu style pants with clearly marked JCSO vests. Trooper Folden said the front door was breached with a breaching ram and he could hear the deputies yelling commands at Beach to show them his hands. Trooper Folden described hearing a single gunshot as the deputies made entry into the residence followed by a taser deployment and loud sounds consistent with a physical struggle. At approximately 1414, Trooper Folden observed Sheriff Frazier radio for an emergency squad to respond due Beach being shot. Trooper Folden described providing the JCSO deputies inside the residence with Combat gauze and shears to remove Beach's clothing and render aid. Trooper Folden said the squad arrived on scene at approximately 1416 hours and departed with Beach at approximately 1420 hours. Trooper Folden said he and Trooper Wells secured the residence with crime scene tape and took overall photographs once the squad departed and all the remaining deputies exited the residence.

Trooper Folden described hearing conversation amongst Chief Conley and the other officers involved in the incident confirming Lt. as the officer firing the shot, however he did not hear any additional details.

Trooper Folden has no previous personal or professional contact with William Beach.

The photographs taken by Trooper Wells were provided to SA Call and have been added to the case file.

This interview was concluded at approximately 1912 hours.

Attachments:

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Attachment # 01: Trooper Fulden Scene Timeline

Attachment # 02: 2023-1-31 Interview with Trooper Folden

Attachment # 03: OSHP Photographs

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