

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



2023-2307 Officer Involved Critical Incident - I-75 Southbound at Mile Marker 110

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Patrick Mullen (W)

Date of Activity: 09/12/2023

Activity Location: Mullen, Patrick - Business - 103 Willipie St., Wapakoneta, OH

45895, Auglaize County

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Narrative:

On 09/12/2023, Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) went to the Wapakoneta Fire Department (WFD) located at 103 Willipie Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio, to speak with Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Mullen (Mullen). The purpose of the interview was to ascertain what Mullens's role was in the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on I-75/MM 110 on 09/03/2023. The WFD was called to assist when the subject's vehicle caught fire. The following is a summary of the interview which was digitally recorded and attached to the case file.

Mullen advised the fire department was originally dispatched to respond on stand by with the Ohio State Patrol (OSP) to a car on fire. The fire department staged at the TA Truck Service near I-75 in Wapakoneta. They were then told to go to STRT 33/I-75 and stage there. Mullen heard there may be a subject down. Once OSP permitted the fire department to enter the scene, Mullen took his trauma bag and headed to the location where the subject was. Mullen proceeded on I-75 on foot and met with Trooper LaMarr and another Trooper who gave Mullen a ride to the subject's exact location.

When Mullen arrived to the subject's location, he provided trauma care for a gun shot injury. Mullen said the gun shot injury was not a through and through wound. Mullen said he estimated the subject to have been approximately 300 yards from the burning vehicle. The subject was conscious and lying on the ground. Mullen said the subject was talking; however, Mullen could not remember what he was saying. The subject was handcuffed at the time, but in order to treat the subject, Mullen asked that one of the handcuffs be removed. OSP removed the handcuff and the subject was transported to the hospital.

Mullen rode in the back seat of the ambulance with the subject on the way to the hospital. According to Mullen, the subject asked what had happened. A Trooper that rode in the back

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of the ambulance told the subject he had been shot. The subject said he was not going to see the light of day at which time the Trooper told the subject he would be fine. Mullen said the subject then said no, he would not see the light of day for a long time.

Mullen had no further information and the interview concluded.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the audio recording. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions or responses. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Firefighter Patrick Mullen

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