



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



2022-1726

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 15266 Gilchrist Rd., Mt.
Vernon (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Deputy Chris Stayer (W)
Date of Activity: 08/20/2022
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On August 20, 2022, at approximately 1519 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) and Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) interviewed Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Deputy Chris Stayer (Deputy Stayer) in reference to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred August 20, 2022, between the Mansfield Police Department/Richland County Allied Special Operation Response Team (ASORT), Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU), Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), and Randy Wilhelm and Brad Wilhelm. Deputy Stayer responded to the incident as an operator for DTU. Officer Stayer's interview was conducted in a meeting room at the KCSO office in Mount Vernon, OH.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

On August 20, 2022, Deputy Stayer and other DTU operators were dispatched to the area near 15266 Gilchrist Road in Mount Vernon, OH. It was reported that Randy Wilhelm (Randy) had a warrant for his arrest after failing to comply with the terms of his bail. A bail bondsman located Randy and was reportedly shot at by Randy. Multiple SWAT teams responded to the Wilhelm property where it was reported that Randy and his brother Brad were firing weapons at law enforcement. SWAT operators from DTU discharged their firearms during an interaction with both Brad and Randy. Brad and Randy were shot and pronounced deceased at the scene.

Prior to beginning the interview, Deputy Stayer was advised BCI was conducting a criminal investigation separate from any internal investigation that DPD may be conducting. Deputy Stayer was informed his statement was voluntary and that he could stop answering questions at any time, which Deputy Stayer verbally confirmed he understood.

Deputy Stayer reported DTU was activated between 0030 and 0100 hours. Deputy Stayer was assigned to the Marysville Police Department (Marysville PD) armored vehicle (Bat). Once reporting to the staging area, DTU staged near the commercial garage buildings on the

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property. As the Bat drove to the front of the primary involved individual's residence, Deputy Stayer heard another DTU operator call out, "He's scoping us." Deputy Stayer said he heard strikes on the front of the Bat, and then saw that one of the involved individuals had shot the driver's window and passenger's window of the Bat. Deputy Stayer did not see the involved individual himself, but had heard he was firing from an elevated position in a dormer window on the front side of the house. After shots had been fired at the Bat, the DTU operators who had exited the Bat then re-entered the vehicle, and the Bat retreated back down the driveway away from the residence. The Mansfield Police Department (Mansfield PD) armored vehicle (BearCat) was also on scene, on the back side of the involved individual's primary residence. Deputy Stayer believes the Mansfield PD BearCat had engaged the involved individuals before he and the Marysville PD Bat had arrived at the residence.

Deputy Stayer did not see the involved individuals during the incident, and did not see an ATV side-by-side vehicle reportedly being driven by the involved individuals. Deputy Stayer heard a radio call announcing the involved individuals were in the ATV heading toward their mother's residence. Deputy Stayer heard another radio call of "shots fired" but he did not know who was firing. Deputy Stayer did not directly observe any shots fired by law enforcement at the involved individuals, but believed some DTU team operators had fired shots at them. Deputy Stayer was armed with a Glock 22 pistol and a Daniel Defense rifle at the time of the incident. Deputy Stayer did not fire either of his weapons during the incident. Deputy Stayer had no previous interaction with the involved individuals prior to the date of the incident.

Interview concluded at approximately 1530 hours.

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