



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



2022-1354

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Courtney Ryan (W)
Date of Activity: 06/30/2022
Activity Location: Ryan, Courtney – Business – 601 Southgate Parkway, Cambridge, OH 43725, Guernsey County
Author: SA James A. Mulford, #39

Narrative:

On June 30, 2022, at approximately 1152 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents James Poole (SA Poole) and Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) interviewed Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) SRT TEMS Medic Courtney Ryan (Medic Ryan) in response to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on June 24, 2022, between the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) and Joy Graham (Graham). Graham's vehicle was stopped with stop sticks after a pursuit. A canine was deployed in response to Graham refusing to exit the vehicle. Graham brandished a pistol and two involved deputies fired their weapons into the vehicle. Graham died as a result of the OICI. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

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.

Medic Ryan provided agents with a written statement regarding the OICI. Agents reviewed the statement upon receipt. Medic Ryan signed her statement provided to BCI, and she verified the statement was a true and accurate depiction of the OICI incident. Please refer to Medic Ryan's statement for further details. A copy of the signed written statement was saved within the case file and is attached to this report.

Medic Ryan confirmed she was dispatched to the incident as part of the Special Response Team to perform her duties as a tactical medic. While on scene, Medic Ryan, provided medical attention to GCSO Major Wilkinson who fell during the incident. Also, Medic Ryan rendered medical care to Graham. This included on-scene and in the ambulance enroute to the hospital.

Medic Ryan reported not seeing most of the active shooting because she was behind cover of a

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vehicle. Furthermore, Medic Ryan advised she did not see a firearm at any time near or around Graham. Graham was not conscious and unresponsive.

Medic Ryan had no further information. The Interview concluded at approximately 1156 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Courtney Ryan Written Statement

Attachment # 02: 06-30-2022 Courtney Ryan Interview

On 6/24/22 at 2236, I was dispatched by GCSO via cell phone for SRT callout at Old National Road and State Route 285 in Old Washington, Ohio for a barricaded female in vehicle.

I contacted dispatch enroute to arrange for medic standby, medflight and trauma bay and was informed those arrangements had been made by TEMS EMT Schubert.

I arrived on scene at approximately 2310. I parked west of the scene and approached the first set of cruisers to the south of the suspect's vehicle. As I approached, SRT was already stacked up and moving toward the suspect's vehicle. Since I arrived late and did not receive the briefing, I chose to stay behind cover of OSP vehicle. Shortly after my arrival, I heard the explosion of what I thought was a flash bang. Shortly after that, shots were fired.

From my position (south of vehicle, driver's side), I could not see who was in the SRT stack or who fired shots. Because I did not know how many people were in the vehicle, I remained in my position until the suspect was removed from the vehicle and law enforcement started to move away from the vehicle. I also did not see who removed her from the vehicle but that she was removed from the driver's side and lying supine in the road.

Once I determined that it was safe for me to move forward. I made contact with TEMS Schubert who advised me that Major [REDACTED] may have been shot. I quickly triaged the situation. The suspect had no carotid pulse, no respirations, or signs of life. Schubert remained with the suspect. At that time, I sought out Major [REDACTED] to assess for gun shot wounds or other injuries. He had no obvious injuries and advised me that he felt fine.

I returned my attention back to the suspect. I noted large amount of blood running down the pavement, a gun shot wound to the right side of her face and right shoulder area just anterior to the joint. There were no extremity wounds to address nor were there junctional wounds to pack or control bleeding from.

EMS arrived on scene. She was placed on cardiac monitor. Old Washington volunteer medic verbalized that her presenting rhythm was pulseless electrical activity (PEA). I started chest compressions. Schubert attempted to ventilate with bag valve mask (BVM) however, copious amounts of blood were coming from mouth with each compression. No suction was available at that time. Volunteer EMTs applied backboard and mechanical compression device. At that time, I stopped compressions and device took over. She was transferred to cot and placed in back of Old Washington FD ambulance. Schubert and I accompanied the Old Washington crew during transport. Mechanical ventilations continued throughout the duration of transport to the hospital. The device stopped every 2 minutes for rhythm checks. She was in asystole during each rhythm check. EMT from Old Washington, placed a supraglottic airway and ventilated with BVM. Suction was available at that time, airway was suctioned frequently due to bleeding from mouth and from artificial airway.

We arrived to SEORMC, trauma bay 2 at approximately 2330. We were met by ED staff who took over care. Bedside report was given to MD and RN. I contacted dispatch for patient identifiers and next of kin contact information. That information was relayed to ED staff. We were notified by ED staff that time of death was 2343.

Courtney Ryan (Tactical Emergency Medical Support, GCSO)

