



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



2023-2812
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 16178 SR 160, Vinton 45686
(L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Date of Activity: 10/22/2023
Activity Location: Gallia County Sheriff's Office – Business – 18 Locust Street,
Gallipolis, OH 45631
Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On November 2, 2023, BCI Special Agent Craig Call (SA) Call met with Gallia County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Deputy [REDACTED] (Deputy [REDACTED] at the GCSO in order to obtain a voluntary statement from Deputy [REDACTED] in reference to his involvement in the October 22, 2023, Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving Roger Meade (Meade) and members of the GCSO. Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Attorney Keith Washburn (Attorney Washburn) was present during all of SA Call's contact with Deputy [REDACTED]

Prior to any questioning, Deputy [REDACTED] was provided with BCI's Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) form which Deputy [REDACTED] indicated he understood and did not have any clarifying questions. Deputy [REDACTED] signed the CIN form and it has been added to the case file. Deputy [REDACTED] prepared a written witness statement of his account of the events on the above date, which is one full page with text continuing onto a second page for a few sentences. SA Call asked Deputy [REDACTED] to sign the statement if he was willing to add it to BCI's case file and Deputy [REDACTED] did so.

The audio interview began at approximately 1033 hours.

Deputy [REDACTED]'s badge number is [REDACTED] and was working dayshift (0600–1600 hours) on the date of the incident. Deputy [REDACTED] identified Deputy [REDACTED] as the supervisor on duty.

Deputy [REDACTED] elected to read directly from his signed written witness statement, which describes Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] and himself responding to Meade's camper in an attempt to arrest a female on an active warrant.

In reference to the shooting and the events immediately surrounding, Deputy [REDACTED] wrote the following:

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on
01/11/2024

"Once at the residence which is approximately 60 Yards off of the roadway, Deputy ██████ went to the front door which was on the left side of the house, Deputy ██████ went to the right of the home and I went to the side of the house where I could observe the front and the back of the home. Deputy ██████ then began to knock on the door of the camper with no response. Deputy ██████ then went to the right of the door where a window was and observed Mr. Meade and a female, he believed to be Mrs. Johnson inside the home. Deputy ██████ stated "Its ██████ from the sheriff's office get your ass out her and talk to me".

"Once contact was made all deputies shifted to the left when I heard the discharge of a firearm. I focused on the door and observed it swing open, however due to my positioning I could not see past the door. Once the door swung open Three additional shots were fired and I drew my service weapon. I then observed Deputy ██████ with his firearm out stating "Show me you hands" to the suspect inside. Deputy ██████ who was directly in front of me and myself proceeded toward the camper door to aid assistance."

Deputy ██████ further detailed:

"Once to the door Deputy ██████ grabbed the barrel of what I believed to be a shotgun and tossed it on the ground outside of the camper and then grabbed a female and place her on the ground outside of the camper. Deputy ██████ and I proceeded in to the camper where I observed Mr. Mead to be lying face down in the shower area unconscious. I grabbed Mr. Meade and Deputy ██████ and I placed him on the floor on his back and began raking him fro injury's observing one gunshot wound center mass in the chest. I then began preforming CPR for a few brief seconds when I advised Deputy ██████ to take over as I needed to check Deputy ██████ for gunshot wounds as well."

Deputy ██████ statement continued on to describe the medical aid the three deputies provided Meade, before being relieved by additional responding units.

Deputy ██████ explained he never observed Deputy ██████ re his service weapon due to him having "tunnel vision" on the front door of the camper as it opened. Deputy ██████ said he was familiar with Meade from previous law enforcement contacts, but did not report any issues with Meade. Deputy ██████ did not know anything about the female located inside Meade's camper other than she did not end up being the female they were attempting to arrest.

Deputy ██████ confirmed all information he provided to BCI was true and accurate to the best of his recollection. Deputy ██████ confirmed his statement was given completely free and voluntarily.

The interview concluded at approximately 1058 hours.

Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: Deputy ██████ Interview
- Attachment # 02: Deputy ██████ written statement
- Attachment # 03: Deputy ██████ CIN

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On October 22, 2023 Dep Waldron, Dep [REDACTED] and I Dep [REDACTED] were set to attempt to arrest a wanted individual identified as Nancy Johnson at a home nearby where Deputy [REDACTED] is familiar with this female residing with a male identified as Roger Meade.

Dep [REDACTED], Dep [REDACTED] and I met at the intersection of Bull Run Rd and State route 160 where we parked and proceeded to walk to the residence nearby.

Once at the residence which is approximately 60 Yards off of the roadway, Deputy [REDACTED] went to the front door which was on the left side of the house, Deputy [REDACTED] went to the right of the home and I went to the side of the house where I could observe the front and the back of the home. Deputy [REDACTED] then began to knock on the door of the camper with no response. Deputy [REDACTED] then went to the right of the door where a window was and observed Mr. Meade and a female, he believed to be Mrs. Johnson inside the home. Deputy [REDACTED] stated "Its [REDACTED] from the sheriff's office get your ass out her and talk to me".

Once contact was made all deputies shifted to the left when I heard the discharge of a firearm. I focused on the door and observed it swing open, however due to my positioning I could not see past the door.

Once the door swung open Three additional shots were fired and I drew my service weapon. I then observed Deputy [REDACTED] with his firearm out stating "Show me your hands" to the suspect inside. Deputy [REDACTED] who was directly in front of me and myself proceeded toward the camper door to aid assistance.

Once to the door Deputy [REDACTED] grabbed the barrel of what I believed to be a shotgun and tossed it on the ground outside of the camper and then grabbed a female and placed her on the ground outside of the camper. Deputy [REDACTED] and I proceeded in to the camper where I observed Mr. Mead to be lying face down in the shower area unconscious. I grabbed Mr. Meade and Deputy [REDACTED] and I placed him on the floor on his back and began raking him for injury's observing one gunshot wound center mass in the chest. I then began performing CPR for a few brief seconds when I advised Deputy [REDACTED] to take over as I needed to check Deputy [REDACTED] for gunshot wounds as well.

I proceeded outside and unzipped Deputy [REDACTED] vest and began checking him for potential gunshot wounds Only a slight lip wound was observed. Once Deputy [REDACTED] was checked I proceeded back in to the camper where I took over Chest compressions for Deputy [REDACTED] while he went and retrieved his cruiser for medical supplies. Once Deputy [REDACTED] arrived back on scene, he once more took over CPR as I exited from the home retrieving the female and placed her in the back of Deputy [REDACTED]'s car and returned back in the home and resumed CPR.

Two chest seals were placed on Mr. Meade during this process and CPR was resumed.

Deputies provided CPR Until additional units arrived and assisted.

EMS Arrived on scene shortly after and Mr. Meade was declared deceased.

I exited from the camper and stood by until Dep [REDACTED], Deputy [REDACTED] and I were transported away from the scene by Sgt. Argabright.

-End

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[REDACTED]

11/2/23 10:30

BCI T. Co. [Signature]



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Criminal Investigation Notification

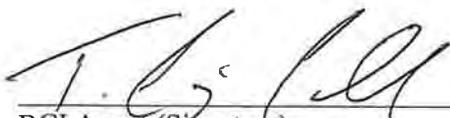
1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).


 Printed Name of Interviewee

11/2/23 10:25
 Date / Time


 Signature of interviewee

T. Craig Call
 BCI Agent (Printed)


 BCI Agent (Signature)