



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



2023-1835
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 114 North Ninth St, Byesville,
OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Initial Briefing
Date of Activity: 07/13/2023
Activity Location: Wise, Jeremiah – Home – 114 North Ninth St, Byesville, OH 43723, Guernsey County
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Narrative:

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations and Crime Scene Units were requested to respond to the incident location (114 North Ninth St., Byesville, Ohio) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI; shooting) involving a Guernsey County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) deputy and two (2) Byesville Police Department (BPD) officers. Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau) arrived on scene and made contact with Detective Sergeant Bill Patterson (Sgt. Bill Patterson), who briefed SAS Barbeau as to the events that occurred.

SAS Barbeau learned law enforcement was dispatched to the home of Jeremiah Wise (involved individual) as he was making suicidal threats. Law enforcement negotiated with Wise, via telephone, for "a couple hours." The negotiations with Wise became unsuccessful and at some point Wise exited the front entry door onto the porch. Sgt. Bill Patterson advised he was negotiating with Wise and was aware Wise was drinking intoxicating beverages during the negotiations. While on the porch, Wise had some type of communication with officers and returned to the threshold of the entry door. In this position Wise brandished a firearm. During this interaction a deputy from the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office and two (2) officers from the Byesville Police Department discharged their firearms. Wise was provided medical attention and transported to the local hospital where he died from his injuries.

Sgt. Bill Patterson shared the following additional information:

- The involved officers and witnessing officers are currently at the sheriff's office facility waiting for BCI Crime Scene to take photographs.
- The involved officers are as follows:
 - Byesville Police [REDACTED]
 - Byesville Axillary Police Officer [REDACTED] (full-time Noble County SO Deputy)
 - GCSO Deputy [REDACTED]

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- The Coroner's Office is at the hospital.
- The Next of Kin notification has been completed with Wise's mother (Carolynn Wise; [REDACTED]).
- There was a "drone team" at the staging area; however, the drone was not deployed and members of the drone team did not observe the actual shooting event.
- Special Weapons and Tactics (SRT) Team was at the staging area; however, they were not deployed and none of the members observed the actual shooting event.
- A Byesville cruiser was moved prior to BCI's arrival. This particular cruiser would have been within the perspective crime scene as shots were said to have been fired while the officer was positioned at the cruiser.
- Body Worn Camera and cruiser camera footage is available.
- Tactical EMS personnel, Courtney Ryan, provided first aid to Wise until he was transported to the hospital.

Sgt. Bill Patterson advised the following law enforcement personnel were at the staging area; however, did not observe the shooting events:

1. Det. Sgt. Bill Patterson 3015; negotiations
2. Det. Brian Carpenter 3035; negotiations
3. Lt. Justin Best 3029; drone team; staging area
4. Dep. Tommy Sharrer 3023; drone team; staging area
5. Sheriff Jeff Paden 3001; did not witness and left scene prior to our arrival
6. Byesville Ofc. Andrew Stewart 204; on scene did not witness
7. Major Jeremy Wilkinson 3024; staging area
8. Dep. Jeff Barton 3003; staging area
9. Det. Ryan Patterson 3006; staging area
10. Dep. Katie Covolcheck 3011; staging area
11. Dep. Devin Ryan 3012; staging area
12. Dep. Christopher Daymut 3016; staging area
13. Det. Adam Massinelli 3017; staging area
14. Lt. Kevin Stoney 3019; staging area
15. Sgt. Darin Carpenter 3021; staging area
16. Sgt. Benjie Coblentz 3031; staging area
17. Dep. Adam Castor 3038; staging area
18. HIS Special Agent Bianca Ragone; who is also a Special Deputy w/GCSO 3038

The above stated law enforcement personnel may not necessarily be interviewed as they did not witness the actual shooting event. However, if it is determined they did view or had other involvement an interview will be conducted at a later date.

Nothing further at this time.