



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: Brandon Schreiber (W)
Date of Activity: 09/26/2023
Activity Location: Schreiber, Brandon – Business – 2005 E 4th St. , Lima, OH 45804
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Narrative:

On September 26, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) and SA Chris Hamberg (Hamberg) interviewed Trooper Brandon Schreiber (Trooper Schreiber), of the Ohio State Patrol (OSP), relative to the officer-involved shooting which took place on September 3, 2023. The interview took place at the Lima Post of the Ohio State Patrol, 2005 E. Fourth Street, Lima, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual regarding their response to the incident scene. The following is a summary of the interview which was recorded and attached to the case file.

Trooper Schreiber advised he was on a traffic stop when he heard radio traffic that the subject was wanted for homicide out of Chicago. The subject's vehicle was spotted going southbound on I-75. The spike strips were successful in taking out the subject's tires. As the pursuit got closer to where Trooper Schreiber was in Beaverdam, he fell in the back of the pursuit.

OSP performed a pit maneuver in Auglaize County and the subject's vehicle went into the median. Trooper Schreiber got out of his vehicle and got his rifle out and went to the back of Trooper Mershman's cruiser. The subject's vehicle was engulfed in flames and the driver got out of his car with a gun in his hand. OSP gave "constant" orders to drop the gun. Trooper Schreiber heard the subject say he did not want to shoot the Troopers, but that he wanted to shoot himself.

The subject walked southbound on the interstate. Trooper Schreiber expressed his concern that the subject was walking in the direction of the stopped traffic. He said he had an idea of using a cruiser for cover as a rolling barricade. Trooper Schreiber took up position at the rear of Lt. Slates' patrol car. Trooper Schreiber heard the command to take out the subject. The subject held the gun to his own head and then began to walk away from the Troopers. As he turned back around, Trooper Schreiber heard someone on the radio say they would take the

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shot. Trooper Schreiber heard a gunshot and saw the subject was hit. The subject, along with his gun, fell onto the ground. Trooper Schreiber took control of the gun and other Troopers rendered first aid.

Trooper Schreiber had nothing else to add 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: Trooper Schreiber