



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



2023-1626
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 439 E Mulberry Street,
Lebanon, Ohio 45036 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Dione E. Kellum (S)
Date of Activity: 06/18/2023
Activity Location: Warren County Sheriffs Office – Business – 822 Memorial Drive,
Lebanon, OH 45036, Warren County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On June 18, 2023 at 0220 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agent Richard Ward met with Warren County Deputy Sheriff Tyler Wessling at the Warren County Sheriff's Office, 822 Memorial Drive, Lebanon, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Also present during the interview were Deputy Scott Williams and Lt. Shaun Embleton, both of whom work for the Warren County Sheriff's Office. In the late evening of June 17, 2023, Wessling assisted the Lebanon (Warren County) Police Department with an armed individual [Dione Kellum] in the 400 block of East Mulberry Street who had repeatedly ignored command from officers to drop two weapons. Kellum was shot by officers, but ultimately succumbed to a self inflicted gunshot wound.

Deputy Wessling has been employed with the Warren County Sheriff's Office for nearly a year and is assigned to the road patrol working midnights (2400-0800). Wessling was dressed in the standard 'Deputy Sheriff' uniform and operated a marked patrol vehicle. In the late evening hours of June 17, 2023, Wessling heard several law enforcements units responding to Mulberry Street in the City of Lebanon with call details describing a subject holding a "gun to his head". Wessling followed another sheriff's vehicle and when on scene, observed a large law enforcement presence with their weapons drawn. From approximately 25 yards, Wessling observed the Dione Kellum in possession of a brown long gun identified by other officers as a shotgun, but did not observe a handgun. Kellum held the shogun in one hand that was pointed toward the ground. A Lebanon sergeant and deputies were attempting to talk Kellum into dropping the weapon(s). Sergeant Grey arrived at his position with Deputy Troy Fox and informed him to reposition in the rear of the residence to stop Kellum from moving around the residence.

Deputy Wessling moved to the rear of the residence and held that position for cover. Kellum walked backward through a fence line and toward another street, believed to be Chillicothe

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Street, while officers continued their attempts to talk with him. Deputy ██████ in possession of a patrol rifle, assumed Wessling position, but Wessling maintained a visual on Kellum. Kellum was upset the light was in his eyes and was yelling about the light. After a period of time, Kellum raised the shotgun to his shoulder and at some point discharged the shotgun. Kellum used a flashlight to shine and illuminate the officers, which obstructed the officers' vision. At that point, Wessling maintained cover behind a blue garage because the risk of crossfire with other officers. Wessling provided the position of other officers and himself with a diagram. While maintaining cover, Wessling heard an additional two shots followed by officers yelling to drop the gun. Wessling and other officers approached Kellum, who was on the ground and not moving. Wessling "grabbed the rifle" and for the first time, observed a small handgun by Kellum. Deputy Fox grabbed and gave the handgun to Wessling who placed both weapons in the grass and stood by. Wessling was told by Sergeant Grey to meet up with Deputy ██████ and to stay with him. Wessling was told, but did not observe ██████ and a Lebanon officer discharged their firearms.

Agent Ward concluded the audio recorded interview with Deputy Wessling at 0236 hours. Attached below is the audio recorded interview and diagram used during the interview.

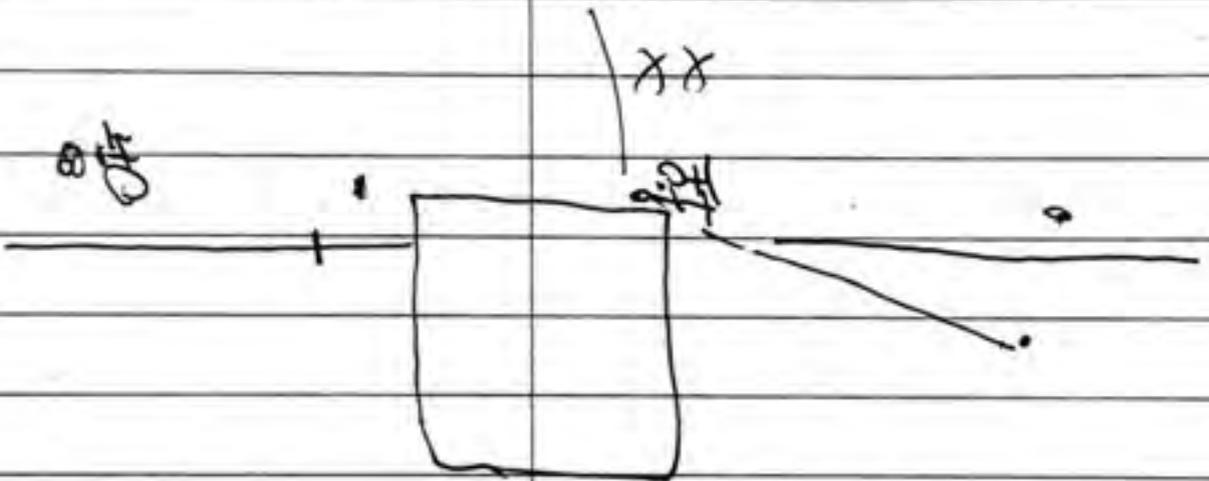
Attachments:

- Attachment # 01: 2023-06-18 / Warren County Dep. Tyler Wessling Audio Interview
- Attachment # 02: Diagrams from Fox & Wessling

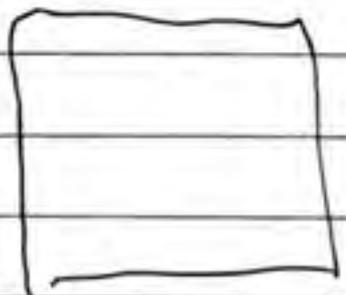
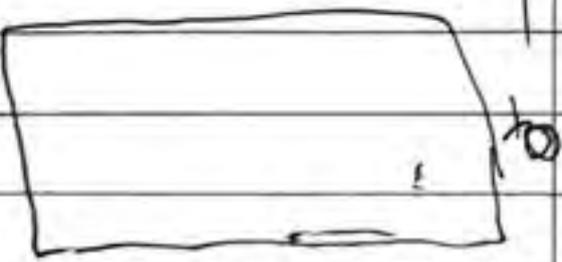
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Exhibit 2



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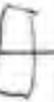


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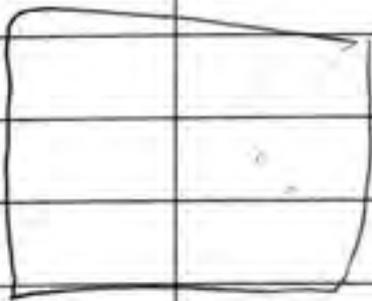
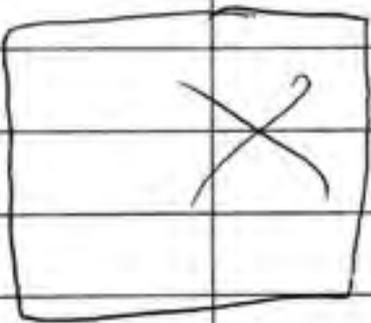
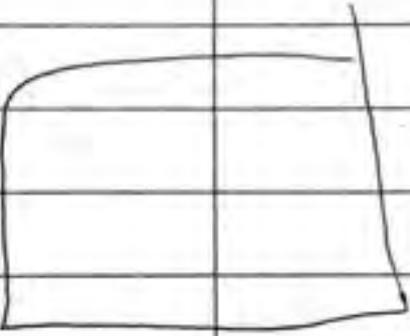
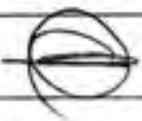
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