



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: Jacob Steiner (W)
Date of Activity: 09/12/2023
Activity Location: Steiner, Jacob – Business – 103 Willipie St. , Wapakoneta, OH
45895, Auglaize County
Author: SA Tiffany Najmulski, #49

Narrative:

On 09/12/2023, Special Agent (SA) Tiffany Najmulski (Najmulski) went to the Wapakoneta Fire Department (WFD) located at 103 Willipie Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio, to speak with Firefighter Jacob Steiner (Steiner). The purpose of the interview was to ascertain what Steiner's role was in the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on I-75/ MM 110 on 09/03/2023. The WFD was called to assist when the subject's vehicle caught fire. The following is a summary of the interview which was digitally recorded and attached to the case file.

Steiner advised the fire department was called out to stage at the truck stop in Wapakoneta for a high speed chase. The fire department was then told to stage on I-75 southbound. Steiner said he was a ways back, but could see smoke coming from a car. Steiner heard the Ohio State Patrol's radio traffic and heard that the subject had a gun. Steiner then heard someone say the subject had a self-inflicted gun shot wound.

Once told by the Ohio State Patrol they could proceed, Steiner said he drove the fire truck to the location of the burning vehicle. Steiner put the fire out while two other paramedics went to give medical attention to the subject. Steiner said when he was putting out the fire he noticed a gas can, oil, portable grill, and battery in the back seat. The paramedics picked Steiner up to assist in the ambulance ride to the hospital. Steiner rode in the back of the ambulance and continued medical treatment to the subject.

Steiner said the subject did not know he was shot and seemed surprised when he was told. Steiner said the Trooper in the back of the ambulance asked the subject what he was doing and the subject said he was traveling state to state.

Steiner had no further information and the interview concluded.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most

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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: Firefighter Jacob Steiner

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