



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 Brannon (W)
Date of Activity: 09/12/2023
Activity Location: Brannon, 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 Brannon (Brannon). The purpose of the interview was to ascertain what Brannon'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.

Brannon advised the fire department was dispatched to assist the Ohio State Patrol (OSP), but was initially told to stand by, which they did, at the truck stop. Once they were given word, the fire department moved closer to the scene. Fire personnel were told the subject was a wanted murder suspect and that OSP had been chasing him since the Bowling Green, Ohio area. Brannon said the fire department was told there was a possible vehicle fire, but that Troopers were still apprehending the subject.

Once given the clear, the fire department went to the scene of the vehicle on fire. Firefighter Mullen went to give medical aid to the subject. Later, Brannon was told by his Captain to respond with Mullen to assist with the subject. Brannon said he was not aware the subject had been shot until he reached the location where the subject was and saw a Trooper applying pressure to the subject's wound. Brannon said the subject was loaded onto a cot and transported to the hospital by ambulance. Brannon noticed the subject was having trouble breathing.

The only thing Brannon said he heard from the subject was when the subject asked for something for the pain.

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Approved By SAS Scott A. Stranahan on
09/25/2023

Brannon did not have anything else to report except to say the situation was handled in a routine manner. At this time, 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: Firefighter Jacob Brannon

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