



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



2024-3258

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1273 Rosedale Drive, Dayton,
OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Taylor Coleman Anthony Cotton (S)

Date of Activity: 11/04/2024

Activity Location: Doll, Jansen & Ford – 111 West First Street, Suite 1100, Dayton, OH 45402

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Narrative:

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, the Dayton Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on the same date on Access Road near Rosedale Drive in the city of Dayton.

On Monday, November 04, 2024 at approximately 1317 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Richard Ward interviewed Dayton Police Officer Jeff Kloos, who was accompanied by his Fraternal Order of Police attorney, Scott O'Reilly. The interview took place in a conference room at the Law Office of Doll, Jansen & Ford, located at 111 West First Street, Suite 1100, Dayton, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

The details below summarize what the author believed to be the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. 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. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Officer Kloos has been employed with the Dayton Police Department for 10.5 years and was assigned to road patrol. On October 19, 2024, Kloos worked road patrol, 0630-1630 and assigned to the west side of Dayton. On this day, Kloos was on another call when he heard the broadcast to 1273 Rosedale Drive and recognized the address from a previous mental health call. On a previous occasion within two years, Kloos was dispatched to the address where Taylor Cotton was threatening family members with a knife. Kloos "pink slipped" Cotton for a seventy-two (72) hour mental health hold. Kloos informed officers responding of his knowledge of the address and Cotton.

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Officer Kloos continued with the call for service that he was currently on when the "Signal 99" was broadcasted by the officers on Rosedale. Additional details were broadcasted that a gun was now involved. Kloos cleared his current call and proceeded to Rosedale, via Catalpa Drive, and approached Rosedale and was positioned south of Cotton. Kloos observed officers behind a civilian vehicle and Cotton inside a vehicle, which he indicated locations on a diagram. Kloos made contact with Cotton's family and obtained information about Cotton. Cotton's mother and father told Kloos to release the dog on him, but do not shoot him. Kloos relayed the information to Sergeants Spires and Savage.

Officer Kloos was informed to relocate near Cotton's vehicle to act as an arrest team if Cotton discards the weapon. Kloos waited with other officers while Cotton continued to sit in a vehicle holding a long gun pointed in the air. Dayton Police [REDACTED] communicated with Cotton but was unsuccessful. Kloos also attempted to communicate to see if Cotton remembered him from his previous call, but Cotton did not respond. Shortly thereafter, Kloos heard someone say Cotton was exiting the vehicle followed by gunshots.

Kloos, who had sought cover behind a police vehicle with Sergeant Spires, Savage, and [REDACTED], did not observe when Cotton was shot or did he observe Cotton exit the vehicle.

After the shots were fired, Officer Kloos retrieved crime scene tape and began to assist with securing the scene and moved a vehicle to allow for a medic to enter. Kloos never approached Cotton. Once Cotton was removed by the medic, Kloos eventually relocated to the Dayton Safety building. On his previous interaction with Cotton, Kloos described Cotton as "high strung and erratic" and does not take his prescribed medication.

Agent Ward concluded the audio recorded interview (attached below) at 1333 hour. Kloos provided a two page typed statement prior to the interview, which is attached below.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2024-11-04 / DPD Jeff Kloos audio recorded interview

Attachment # 02: Written Statement of Jeff Kloos

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2

STATEMENT OF JEFF KLOOS

OCTOBER 25, 2024

I am a Patrol Officer with the Dayton Police Department. I have been employed as a law enforcement officer since 2013. I have been employed by Dayton since August 2013. I previously worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer.. I graduated from the Dayton Police Academy in 2013.

I am currently assigned as a Patrol Officer.

I am providing this statement voluntarily. I have prepared the statement to the best of my recollection. I have had the opportunity to review available videos of the incident. It is possible that a future review of additional materials might refresh my recollection in the future.

I am familiar with the Dayton police department policies and procedures on use of force. I most recently completed my firearm qualifications for handgun in Fall 2023.

On the morning October 19, 2024, I worked a shift from 0630 to 1630. I was wearing my uniform and operating my patrol car during my shift.

While on duty, I carry my Glock 17 9mm pistol along with 3 magazines containing 17 rounds each. One magazine is contained in the firearm, 2 are carried on my belt. My firearm had 18 rounds (1 in the weapon and 17 in the magazine).

I became aware of a call from Dispatch at approximately 0845 on October 19, 2024. The weather that morning was clear and chilly.

I was aware that officers were responding to a potentially problematic call and monitoring radio traffic. I was handling a suspicious vehicle call at the time. I heard a "99 call," which indicates a request for assistance from an officer in distress.

I proceed to the scene with my lights and sirens. I was aware that the original call was a "welfare check" on Rosedale Drive. A welfare check means a request to check on the health of an individual and often involves mental health issues. I had been out to that location previously and had dealt with the suspect. I had taken the suspect to a hospital for a non-voluntary mental health hold and evaluation on a prior occasion.

I proceed to the scene with my lights and sirens activated.

I parked my vehicle on Rosedale. I observed the suspect sitting in his car with a shotgun resting on his leg. The barrell of the shotgun was pointing up.

When I exited the vehicle I spoke to the suspect's mother and father and obtained his personal information. I then helped coordinate the scene and guide some of the younger officers towards an alley off of Access Road in case the suspect attempted to flee the scene. I relayed information to Sgt. Spires and other command personnel about the situation. I was advised to prepare to be part of an "arrest team." In the event that the suspect dropped his firearm, I would approach the suspect while other officers maintained cover and make an arrest.

I heard [REDACTED] and others speaking to the suspect in an effort to diffuse the situation. I also spoke to the suspect in an attempt to possibly build some rapport; I had hoped that the suspect remembered me from our prior interactions. The suspect was given verbal commands to drop the weapon and leave his vehicle.

I did not observe the suspect exit his vehicle; I was behind a car on one knee preparing for my role on the arrest team. I heard officers fire on the suspect as well. After the shooting stopped, I started to secure the scene.

I remained on the scene for a period of time. I left my vehicle at the scene. I, along with other officers at the scene, was transported to the Safety Building. I remained in my uniform until an evidence tech from BCI arrived. BCI photographed me. I did not receive any injuries as a result of this incident.