



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



2024-2738

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 345 Lincoln Ave., Lancaster,
OH 43130 (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (O)
Date of Activity: 09/10/2024
Activity Location: Fairfield County Jail – 345 Lincoln Ave., Lancaster, OH 43130
Author: SA Aja Chung, #86

Narrative:

On September 7, 2024, Chad Evangelista (Evangelista) was arrested by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) for disorderly conduct and obstructing official business and transported to the Fairfield County Jail. Use of force was used multiple times during the arrest and at the jail. Following the interaction with law enforcement, Evangelista lost consciousness inside his cell. Evangelista was transported to Fairfield Medical then transferred to Riverside hospital where he later died on September 9, 2024.

Two agencies assisted FCSO during Evangelista's arrest at 720 W. Waterloo St., Canal Winchester, OH. Those agencies included a Franklin County Sheriff deputy and multiple Lithopolis Police officers. No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident. Video footage of the incident was captured on both body-worn cameras and jail cameras from all agencies.

On September 10, 2024, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) requested the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident that occurred at the Fairfield County Jail. BCI Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Special Agents Aja Chung and James Poole were assigned to investigate the incident. Dispatch records, body-worn camera, and jail footage were given to BCI by FCSO and will be among the items reviewed as part of this investigation.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 24-0295 Assistance Request Letter – AG SIU

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Alex W. Lape, Sheriff



Special Agent Kevin Barbeau
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Sir,

Our agency is asking for your cooperation and assistance with investigating the arrest of Chad Evangelista who was then transported to the Fairfield County Jail. During the arrest and while at the jail Mr. Evangelista resisted arrest and was non-compliant at the jail. While in the jail Mr. Evangelista became unconscious and medical assistance was summoned. Mr. Evangelista was transported to Fairfield Medical Center and then transferred to the care of Riverside Hospital. Mr. Evangelista passed away at Riverside Hospital and was Taken to the Franklin County Coroner's Office for an autopsy. Our office is asking for your assistance in providing an independent investigation into the death of Mr. Evangelista.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Lape".

Sheriff Alex Lape
Fairfield County Sheriff

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