



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Deputy Zack Jenkins (W)
Date of Activity: 09/20/2023
Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman Law Office – 4683
Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On September 20, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Perry Roeser and Steve Seitzman interviewed several Franklin County deputy sheriff's as to what their involvement was from the Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) from the Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) from August 24, 2023, that was under BCI investigation. The interviews took place at 4683 Winterset Dr., Columbus, Ohio, the law office of Catherine Harshman (Harshman). Harshman was in attendance for all the interviews.

The interview of Deputy Zack Jenkins (Jenkins) started at 1532 hours, and was audio recorded. Jenkins stated he has been with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for ten and a half years and was assigned to the Crisis Intervention Diversion Unit, which dealt with individuals in mental health crises.

Jenkins was asked how he became involved in the BTPD OICI. Jenkins said he heard a shots fired call over the radio, and then the tones dropped for an officer needs assistance. Jenkins stated he was at the Jefferson Township Fire Department (sub-station), which sat about a 15-minute drive with lights and sirens active to the scene. Jenkins stated when he arrived at the scene, he began to hang crime scene tape to expand the scene. After that, Jenkins said he and a Kroger loss prevention officer traveled into the store/office area and began to secure video footage of the OICI. Jenkins said he was in the office for about an hour before he was relieved by a Blendon Township officer. While in the office, Jenkins stated he saw the same footage of the incident, which was released to the news media. Jenkins was asked if he saw any of the involved personnel while at the location. He said no but indicated he glanced toward the squad while it was on scene.

Jenkins stated once back outside, he did not interview anyone or come into contact with any witnesses. Jenkins said he cleared the scene between 2300 to 2330 hours.

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Approved By SA James A. Mulford on
10/02/2023

The interview between BCI agents and Jenkins concluded at 1540 hours and was audio recorded. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Zach Jenkins