



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



2023-0556

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville
43113 (L)

Investigative Activity: Radio Traffic Review

Date of Activity: 02/25/2023

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Narrative:

On Saturday February 25, 2023 Circleville Police Department (CPD) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred outside of room 104 of the Rodeway Inn located at 23897 US Rt 23, Circleville, OH, (Rodeway Inn). CPD and the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) were dispatched to locate a suicidal female with a gun. When deputies and officers arrived they located the female who brandished a firearm. Two (2) deputies discharged their firearms, striking the female, who was transported to Grant and later succumbed to her injuries.

On May 5, 2023, SA Poole reviewed the 911 radio traffic that was given by CPD. Please review the audio in its entirety for specific details. SA Poole copied and saved the audio to the physical flash drive attached to the case file.

SA Poole reviewed the Audio and the following was noted within the File "911-CALL.02.25.2023.01.26"

- Circleville Dispatch was called by Pickaway County Dispatch who had Croston on the phone.
- Circleville Dispatch talked with Croston and asked if she had a gun. Croston stated "yes" it was laying in front of her and made statements of; "I don't want to go on anymore." "I wanted it to end." "My husband doesn't fucking care." "No body cares." "I am not walking out of here alive." "You are going to have to kill me." "You guys are going to have to shoot me."
- Circleville Dispatch continued to negotiate with Croston and asked if she would walk out of her room without the gun to get medical help, but Croston refused and continued to make suicidal statements.
- After hearing the police sirens in the background Croston got upset and left the phone. Dispatch hung up after not hearing anything for a period of time and tried to call back, but did not get a response.

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References:

USB Thumbdrive – Black SanDisk ULTRA