

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



2022-1139

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 947 SR-28 Business, Milford, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Camille Artice Weems (S)

Date of Activity: 05/26/2022

Activity Location: Miami Twp. (Clermont County) Police Department - Business -

5900 McPicken Drive, Milford, OH 45150

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On May 26, 2022, at 1440 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) and Doug Eveslage (SA Eveslage) interviewed Miami Township Police Officer (Officer regarding his involvement in the Officer-Involved Critical Incident on May 20, 2022. The interview took place at the Miami Township Police Department (MTPD). Officer Fraternal Order of Police attorney, Stew Mathews, was present. Fraternal Order of Police (Ohio Labor Council) Senior Staff Representative Barry Gray was also present. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize 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 to clarify the content of the interview.

SA Seitzman read the BCI Notice of Criminal Investigation form to Officer He said he understood the content of the form and signed it. The signed form will be added to the physical case file. He advised that he had a chance to consult with his attorney and wished to make a voluntary statement to BCI agents. He further advised he reviewed his body-worn camera footage prior to meeting with BCI agents.

Officer advised that he has been employed by MTPD since November 2021. He is currently assigned to road patrol. His badge number is and his radio call sign is His shift is from 0550 until 1750 hours. Prior to his employment with MTPD, he worked for the Clermont County Sheriff's Office from November 2013 until November 2021; the Lake Waynoka Police Department for eight months in 2013; and the village of Batavia Police Department from 2011 until 2013.

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Officer advised that he did not take any prescriptions that would have impaired his duties. He also said he had not consumed alcohol within twenty-four hours of his shift on May 20, 2022.

Officer advised that he has not been involved in any prior shooting incidents. He also said he has not received any discipline related to the use of force or dishonesty.

On May 20, 2022, Officer was wearing his department-issued uniform, which is navy blue. He stated he wears an external ballistic vest, which has a badge and name tag on the front. His shirt had MTPD patches on both shoulders. He had his department-issued 9mm Glock pistol, a taser, mace, and a collapsible baton. He was uncertain how many rounds his Glock magazines held, however, he stated all three magazines were filled to capacity. He stated he had a round in the pistol chamber.

Regarding the Officer-Involved Critical Incident, Officer advised BCI agents of the following:

On May 20, 2022, at approximately 1640 hours, he responded to 947 SR-28 Business, Apt. 16 for a welfare check on Camille Artice Weems (Ms. Weems). The information he had was that Ms. Weems was armed with a gun and believed people were after her. He responded with Officer Ann Morgan and MTPD Mobile Crisis Responder Matt Hale. Ms. Weems initially opened the door, then slammed it shut and spoke with the officers through the closed door. She told officers she felt like she was in danger, but not imminently. She advised the officers she was not suicidal. Matt Hale left a business card under the door, and the officers left.

At approximately 1700 hours, MTPD officers responded to the parking lot of 947 SR-28 Business. The dispatch was for a person with a gun in the parking lot. While he was responding, he was informed over the police radio that shots were fired. He followed the first arriving officer into the parking lot. He could see a shirtless African American female, whom he later learned was Ms. Weems, walking toward them with a black handgun and notified other officers over the radio. He was unable to recall which hand Ms. Weems was holding the gun in. He remembered Ms. Weems firing a single shot at the officers. He ducked down and yelled at Ms. Weems to drop the weapon. He then retrieved his department-issued AR-15 rifle from his cruiser. He gave Ms. Weems more commands to put the gun down; however, she continued to quickly advance toward the officers. He said Ms. Weems fired again at the officers. He recalled focusing on the barrel of Ms. Weems' gun. He said Ms. Weems pointed the gun directly at him. He remembered thinking to himself that he was about to get shot. He was in fear for his safety. He took aim and fired his AR-15. He estimated he fired three or four times. After he shot, he watched her fall to the ground. He changed positions and gave commands for her to drop the gun.

Officer approached Ms. Weems with Officer Ann Morgan, Officer Robert Bunnell, and Sgt. Daniel Tobias. He remembered Sgt. Tobias saying Ms. Weems needed medical aid. He ran back to his cruiser to grab a medical bag and ran toward Ms. Weems. He remembered being stopped by other officers before he got to her.

After the incident, Officer secured his AR-15 in his cruiser. He later turned it over to Sgt. Tobias at the scene.

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Officer advised he was not injured during the Officer-Involved Critical Incident.

SA Seitzman presented Officer with a Google satellite image of the scene. He marked where certain parts of the incident occurred to the best of his recollection. The map will be added to the physical case file.

The interview was concluded at 1519 hours. See the attached audio recording of the interview for more information.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-26 / Interview with MTPD Officer

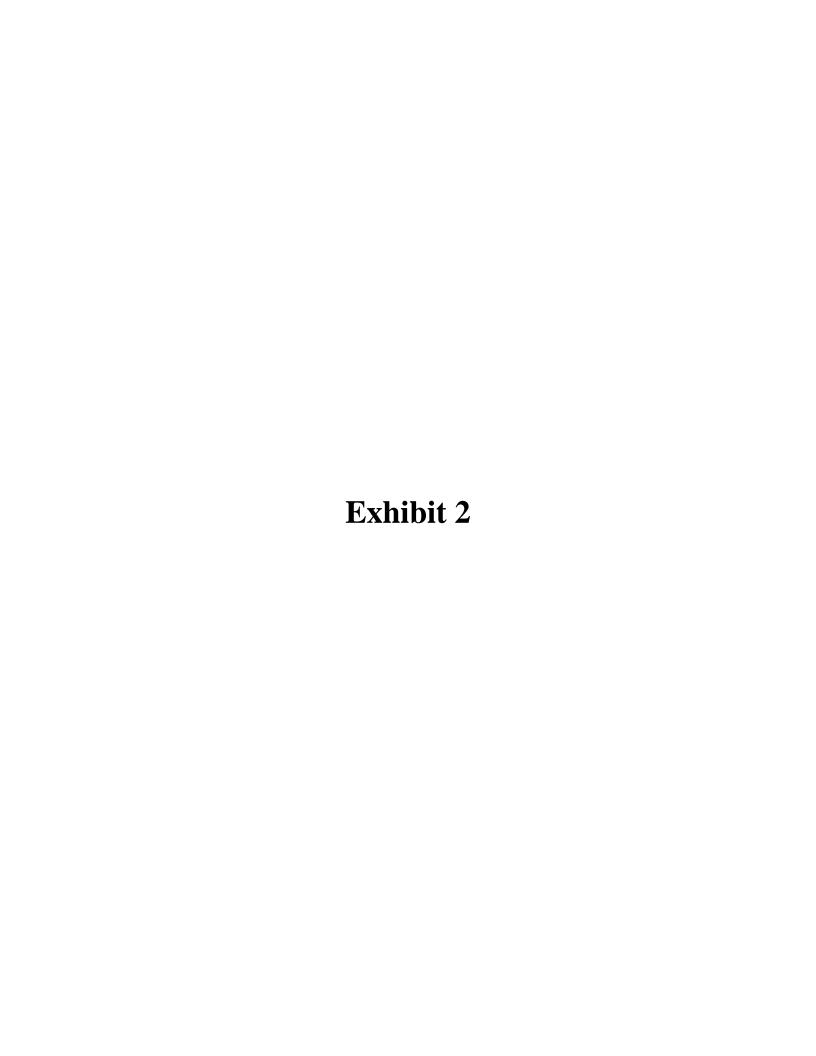
Attachment # 02: BCI Notice of Criminal Investigation - Officer

Attachment # 03: Officer Diagram

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Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.





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Criminal Investigation Notification

- 1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
- 2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
- 3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is **not** a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

Printed Name of Interviewee

Signature of Interviewee

SA S. SEITZMAN

BCI Agent (Printed)

