

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



2021-0888 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 South Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Timothy Ryan (W)
Date of Activity:	04/12/2021
Activity Location:	Westerville Police Department – Business – 29 South State Street, Westerville, OH 43081
Author:	SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2055 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Officer (Ofc.) Timothy Ryan (Ofc. Ryan) Badge # 486. The interview took place at the Westerville Police Department, 29 South State St. Westerville, Ohio.

Ofc. Ryan was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the April 12, 2021, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the Emergency room area of Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Ryan did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Ofc. Ryan advised that he has been employed with the Westerville Police Department for 24 years and 8 months.

Ofc. Ryan stated while at headquarters, he heard an officer in trouble radio call come out from Columbus Police Officers at St. Ann's Hospital. Ofc. Ryan rode in a marked police vehicle with WPD Officer Grubbs and drove with lights and sirens to St. Ann's. Ofc. Ryan stated that Ofc. Grubbs parked in the Emergency Department (ED) parking area and both ran in the ED'S entrance. Ofc. Ryan stated he heard three or four shots and continued to run towards room #9, as that was the room the hospital usually placed combative or suicidal subjects in. Ofc. Ryan stated he heard additional shots as he turned to his right toward the officers and the commotion. Ofc. Ryan stated he began "pie-ing off the room" (looking inside from an angle, like slices of pie) and saw a subject on the ground with a gun lying next to him. Ofc. Ryan stated he then stepped into the room and stepped on the gun. Ofc. Ryan advised he holstered his duty pistol and pulled the subject's left hand out and placed a handcuff on it, while additional WPD

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officers assisted in handcuffing the subject. Ofc. Ryan stated that a nurse and other officers placed the subject (later identified as Miles Jackson) onto a hospital gurney and pushed him out in to another room for medical attention. Ofc. Ryan stated he then did a "buddy check" (looking for injuries) on the Columbus Police Officer (CPD), later identified as Officer Andrew Howe Badge # 699. Ofc. Ryan stated that finding no injuries with Ofc. Howe, he stayed with the crime scene until relieved by supervision.

Ofc. Ryan added to the recorded statement that the recovered pistol was a Sig-Sauer P365 and that he may have moved it slightly as he placed his boot on it to help secure it. Ofc. Ryan stated that at no time did he discharge his weapon and that he was unfamiliar with the deceased.

The interview concluded at approximately 2105 hours. An audio copy of Ofc. Ryan's interview is available for further review as an attachment to this report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-04-12 Officer Timothy Ryan Westerville PD

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