



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



2024-3052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek
Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

Investigative Activity: Involved Officer Interview
Involves: Medina County Sheriff's [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 10/23/2024
Activity Location: Medina County Sheriff's Office - 555 Independence Drive,
Medina, Ohio
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative:

On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 1000 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) and SA Jon Lieber (Lieber) interviewed Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his union representative, Detective Jason Seiberling, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the Medina County Sheriff's Office. The interview was video recorded.

[REDACTED] read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in chronological order 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 recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Sergeant David King
Radio Channel Utilized: Sheriff's Main - channel 2	Mobile Data Terminal: Present & Utilized
Cruiser Description: 2024 Ford Explorer, black in color with yellow	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: No occupants

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sheriff markings. Standard Buckeye State Sheriff's Association (BSSA) markings.	
Assignment: [REDACTED]	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present & Utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: 1400-0200	
Days Off: Rotating days while working 12-hour shifts	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: No overtime worked
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 6 to 7 hours	Consider Self Well Rested? Yes
Total Length as Officer: 3 years	Length at Current Agency: [REDACTED]
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): No Physical Disabilities	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: Black short sleeve polo shirt with sheriff patches, black BDU pants / Standard BSSA markings on the uniform	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: VEST - Radio, 2 spare magazines, flashlight, [REDACTED] control remote, tourniquet / BELT - Service weapon, 2 pair of cuffs, key fob for car, door popper for [REDACTED], and taser
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: No additional recordings	Partner: No partners
Injuries: None	Equipment Damage: None
Training or Areas of Specialty: Taser Instructor and [REDACTED]	OPOTC Certification: Attended the Medina County Career Center Police Academy from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Graduated on [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: No prior military experience or training	Use-of-Force Training: Twice a year / Trained with the use of simunitions in August of 2024
Prior Shooting Incidents: No prior shooting incidents	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: None
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? None	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: None

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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: G45
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: Did not know
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Level III holster on duty belt
Magazine Capacity: 17 in two spare magazines and 17 + 1 in magazine and gun	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 18
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 34
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: Does not remember	Number of Rounds Fired: Possibly 10, but not sure
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: Summer of 2024	Type of Holster, if any: Safari land - Level III

At that point, [REDACTED] was asked to describe the incident from when he first received information regarding this matter. [REDACTED] said that he received a phone call from his supervisor, Sergeant David King (King), in which he told [REDACTED] about a male that was threatening suicide by cop. Sergeant King also told [REDACTED] that the male was said to be headed toward the Wadsworth High School. [REDACTED] was told to head to the area and stage at an elementary school across the street from the high school. [REDACTED] said that he eventually staged over at School Street and Sterling near the school. [REDACTED] said that during that time, they were receiving phone pings from the subject indicating his location. [REDACTED] said that the description of the vehicle he received was a 2014, gray in color, Ford F-150. [REDACTED] was asked by Sergeant King to drive by the subject's house to see if the truck was at its residence.

As [REDACTED] made his way towards the residence, he observed the truck at the intersection of Broad and Hartman. After [REDACTED] observed the vehicle, he proceeded after the vehicle. When [REDACTED] eventually caught up to the subject's vehicle, he confirmed the registration and asked for another unit to assist. When [REDACTED] was joined by [REDACTED] he began to initiate the traffic stop. [REDACTED] said that when he activated his overhead emergency lights for the

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vehicle to stop, the vehicle did not stop. The vehicle continued until he eventually came to a stop.

After the vehicle came to a stop, [REDACTED] said that he and [REDACTED] conducted a high risk stop on the subject's vehicle. [REDACTED] said that he positioned his car directly behind the subject's vehicle, while [REDACTED] positioned his vehicle to his immediate left, in the northbound lane of Silvercreek road. At that point, [REDACTED] said that when he and [REDACTED] exited their vehicles, they both had their guns out pointed at the subject. [REDACTED] said, "I started giving him verbal commands to come out with his hands up or to stick his hands out of the vehicle." (19:12 mark)

At this time, [REDACTED] continued by saying the subject opened the door and had his foot outside the door. [REDACTED] said that the subject was not listening to his commands. [REDACTED] said he was not sure if the subject was trying to grab something from inside the truck. At this point, [REDACTED] said:

...he stepped out with the rifle, he was facing away from me initially, gave him numerous commands to drop it, as he spun around, he was in a low ready position, he picked up the firearm and that's when I began firing (19:37 mark).

When [REDACTED] was asked about the manner in which the subject exited the vehicle, he said, "in the moment, everything was slow motion for me, um, it felt like it was slow, watching the camera back it happened pretty quick..." (20:58 mark). [REDACTED] continued by describing the motion made by the subject, "as he rotates towards the both of us, I mean technically, he faced [REDACTED] first" (21:40 mark). [REDACTED] was asked to elaborate more about the subject's handling of the firearm, he stated, "As he's spinning, he's picking the firearm up, aiming at the both of us." (21:55 mark)



(Figure #1 – [REDACTED] demonstrating how the subject raised the gun towards them)

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When [REDACTED] was asked if he heard anything that was occurring, such as the subject racking his firearm, [REDACTED] said, "UNINTELLIGIBLE, I had complete auditory exclusion, I mean, it, I didn't hear anything, I barely heard my rounds go off" (22:00 mark). [REDACTED] was asked if the subject fired his weapon, he replied, "I'm, I'm pretty confident he did not" (22:15 mark). [REDACTED] ended by saying, he had a "significant" fear for his life and those around him when the subject exited his vehicle with the gun pointed at them.

For further details, please refer to reference item A, the video interview of [REDACTED]. Also, see the attached Criminal Investigation Notification form signed by [REDACTED] prior to the interview.

References:

1. Reference Item A – Involved Officer Interviews

Attachments:

2. Criminal Investigation Notification Form – [REDACTED]

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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).

[Redacted]
Printed Name of Interviewee

10-23-24 10:00AM
Date / Time

[Redacted]
Interviewee

Jon Lieber #50
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature] #50
BCI Agent (Signature)