



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



2024-2614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Interview – Dallas Guyton
Involves: Officer Dallas Guyton (W)
Activity Date: 08/30/2024
Activity Location: 1300 block of Yellowstone Road
Authoring Agent: SA Allison Fletcher #187

Narrative:

On August 30, 2024, at approximately 0138 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) conducted an interview with Cleveland Heights Police Department (CHPD) Officer Dallas Guyton (Guyton). The interview took place in the roadway of the 1300 block of Yellowstone Road in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded and the recording has been attached to this report.

Officer Guyton was identified as a CHPD officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the August 29, 2024, officer-involved shooting which occurred at or near 1309 Yellowstone Road in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Officer Guyton 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 Officer Guyton.

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 of the questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview. It 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 obtained during the interview.

Throughout the interview, Officer Guyton provided the following information:

Officer Guyton had worked for the CHPD for approximately 23 years. His badge number and radio call sign were 8572. During the interview, SA Fletcher observed Officer Guyton wearing the same uniform he wore during the incident on August 29, 2024. He was wearing a dark navy-blue shirt with patches on each shoulder, dark navy-blue pants, and black boots. Over his shirt, he wore an exterior vest carrier that had his badge, name plate, and "police" on the back. He also had a duty belt that contained

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his duty equipment. He was equipped with a body-worn camera. Officer Guyton was well represented as a police officer during the time of the incident.

Prior to the incident, Officer Guyton was conducting his normal patrol duties in his marked CHPD cruiser. Dispatch advised of a family dispute between father and son at 1309 Yellowstone Road. One of the subjects had a firearm and he was walking around inside the residence with the gun in his hand and his finger on the trigger.

When Officer Guyton arrived at 1309 Yellowstone Road, CHPD officers had already formed a perimeter around the residence. Officer Guyton took cover behind a tree in the front yard of a residence adjacent to 1309 Yellowstone Road.

The son was identified as the subject with the firearm. One officer spoke with the father over the phone and requested the father to exit the residence. When he exited, he left the front door open and yelled something unintelligible back at the house.

The son, who was a slender black male with braids, came to the front door with a black firearm in his hand. He also yelled something unintelligible.

The son quickly closed the door and went upstairs to a second-floor room. He was observed moving throughout the room. The male exited and Officer Guyton heard a gunshot.

Officer Guyton moved from behind the tree to behind a parked cruiser in the roadway. When he reached the new location and looked up, he saw a "streak" running towards 1305 Yellowstone Road. Officer Guyton believed this was the male subject running. He also observed officers running behind the male subject.

The officers who chased the subject "stacked up" behind a tree in the front yard of 1305 Yellowstone Road. The officers were giving commands to the subject to show his hands.

Officer Guyton recalled hearing approximately 8-10 gunshots during the incident. The shooting began behind the residence while he was moving towards the parked police cruiser. He was unsure who fired. He also could not recall the cadence of the gunfire.

After the gunfire ended, Officer Guyton observed other CHPD officers render aid to the subject.

Officer Guyton was approached by the father. The father made statements that Officer Guyton could not recall.

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After the conclusion of the incident, Officer Guyton realized he was familiar with the father, however, while responding to the incident he did not have knowledge of who resided at 1309 Yellowstone Road.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-08-30 Witness Officer Interview Dallas Guyton

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