



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



2022-0535

Officer Involved Critical Incident – I-71 N. Mile Marker 123, Lewis Center, Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Matt Baughman (W)
Date of Activity: 03/11/2022
Activity Location: – Northbound I-71, Westerville, OH 43081, Franklin County
Author: SA Jonathan Scale, #169

Narrative:

On March 11, 2022, at approximately 1141 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jon Scale (SA Scale) interviewed Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Matt Baughman (Officer Baughman), badge # 973. BCI was asked to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which involved CPD that had happened earlier that morning. BCI was informed that CPD officers were involved in a shooting that occurred on Interstate 71 North just north of Gemini and Polaris Parkway. The purpose of this interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Officer Baughman.

The interview with Officer Baughman took place inside his CPD cruiser #9051. The interview was audio recorded. A copy of the recording is attached to this report and a copy was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Officer Baughman's interview:

Officer Baughman has worked for CPD for the last eighteen (18) years and works out of substation #5. The morning of this incident he was dispatched from substation #5 and was a single car unit in marked cruiser #9051.

Officer Baughman said he was dispatched to the incident location in regards to a male shooting at vehicles on Interstate 71. He said at approximately 1006 hours he heard an officer say "shots fired" over the radio.

Officer Baughman said that he arrived to the incident location approximately two (2) minutes after the shooting. He did not see or hear any shots being fired. He said upon arriving to the scene, he turned on his body worn camera. He said he saw a black male on the ground who appeared to be screaming in pain. Officers were applying field dressing to his buttocks or hip area. Officer Baughman said he observed blood on the subject's buttocks and hip area as well as blood on the ground near him.

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Officer Baughman said he retrieved an orange cone from a cruiser and used the cone to mark a black semi-auto handgun that was observed on the ground near where the subject was laying. He said he never touched or moved the gun that was on the ground.

Officer Baughman said the medics arrived shortly thereafter and loaded the subject in the ambulance and left. He believed the medic was Orange Township #362. Officer Baughman stayed on scene to provide scene security.

This interview concluded at approximately 1151 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-03-11 CPD Officer Matt Baughman audio