



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



2025-0559

Officer Involved Critical Incident – [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening

Involves: Jayden Cole Stephenson (S), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date of Activity: 02/19/2025

Activity Location: – [REDACTED]

Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On February 19, 2025, at approximately 1500 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested by Miami Township Assistant Chief of Police James McCarty to conduct an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident that had recently occurred at [REDACTED], Miami Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. Assistant Chief McCarty informed BCI agents that Miami Township police officers were dispatched to the address following an incident in which the involved subject, Jayden Cole Stephenson, had threatened family members with a knife. Upon arrival, police officers encountered Stephenson inside the residence, and during the ensuing interaction, less-lethal intervention was attempted but ultimately unsuccessful. In the final moments of the encounter, Stephenson reportedly charged toward police officers with a knife, prompting two Miami Township police officers to discharge their duty weapons, striking and mortally wounding Stephenson.

BCI Special Agent Supervisor William Jones assigned the case to Special Agent Steven Seitzman. SA Seitzman arrived on the scene at 1544 hours. Special Agents Kenneth Smith, Lauren Frazier, and Perry Roeser also responded to assist with the investigation. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit Technician (CST) Holly Ryczek responded to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence. CST Ryczek received assistance from Special Agent Mathew Austin and CST Dylan Wical.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

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Attachment # 01: Miami Township Police Department Letter of Request

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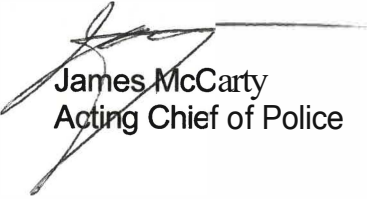
Exhibit 1



To whom it may concern,

I am requesting BCI's assistance in the investigation of an officer involved shooting [REDACTED], which occurred on February 19, 2025.

Thank you for your assistance,



James McCarty
Acting Chief of Police



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