



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 415 Gregg Street, Washington
Courthouse, OH – Fayette County (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Timothy D West (S), EMT Jackie Gullette (W)
Date of Activity: 10/01/2023
Activity Location: Washington Court House Police Dept. – Business – 130 North
Fayette Street, Washington Court House, OH 43160
Author: SA Lauren Frazier, #129

Narrative:

On October 1, 2023, the Washington Court House Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving a use of force incident with a Taser. The involved subject, Timothy West (West), was the passenger in a vehicle, who fled on foot from a traffic stop. During the foot pursuit, West ran onto a concrete patio, then turned and ran toward the officer, and the officer deployed his Taser. West became unresponsive and was ultimately pronounced deceased.

On October 1, 2023, Fayette County EMT Jackie Gullette was interviewed at the Washington Court House Police Department. The interview began at approximately 2323 hours. EMT Gullette was partnered with Paramedic Arthur Rigsby, which was the first squad to arrive on scene and help provide aid to the subject.

EMT Gullette stated that at approximately 1812 hours, Fayette County EMS received a dispatch to assist the police department with a run on Gregg Street. She stated that no other information was provided at the time of the dispatch. EMT Gullette responded directly from their station to the scene. While in route, medics were told that CPR was in progress.

When EMT Gullette arrived on scene, she stated that she observed at least two officers on scene, with one officer doing CPR on the subject. She said that she got her equipment and responded to assist the subject, who was lying in a yard near a concrete patio. EMT Gullette described that the subject was laying on his back with blood on his face. She did not observe any movement by the subject.

When asked by SA Frazier, EMT Gullette said that she did not observe any Taser probes or weapons on the subject. She stated that she did not provide any direct care to the subject, but

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was there as an assist role to get supplies ready for Paramedic Rigsby. EMT Gullette stated that Paramedic Rigsby obtained the LUCAS device (CPR intervention) and applied it to the subject. At one point, she stated that the subject had a pulse, but it did not last very long.

EMT Gullette stated that EMS provided care for a period of time, before the subject was put on tarp, transferred to a cot, and put into a squad. EMT Gullette left to assist with a different run and Fayette County Paramedic Ronnie Zimmerman rode in the squad with Paramedic Arthur Rigsby. The squad was driven by a member of the fire department, to Adena Fayette Medical Center, where the subject was ultimately pronounced deceased.

EMT Gullette does not recall any statements made by the officers or subject, while on scene. The interview concluded at 2331 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached (attachment #01).

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-10-01 EMT Jackie Gullette Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.