



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



2022-2121
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

Investigative Activity: Records Received, Review of Records
Involves: Stephaun Syllas Jones (S)
Date of Activity: 10/09/2022
Activity Location: – 6463 Tara Brooke Ct , Hamilton, OH 45011, Butler County
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Narrative:

On October 9, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Steven Seitzman (SA Seitzman) received Butler County Dispatch Center 911 calls, police radio traffic, and dispatch logs from Fairfield Township Police Officer Scott Singleton. The records were related to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident that took place on October 8, 2022, in Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio.

SA Seitzman reviewed the records and noted the following:

Initial Hamilton Dispatch Log:

- Hamilton police officers were dispatched on October 8, 2022, at 1903 hours for a crash involving an intoxicated male with a gun.
- The involved subject, later identified as Stephaun Syllas Jones, approached the 911 caller and said that a male inside his car shot himself.
- A 911 caller reported that Jones began shooting his gun into traffic at 1904 hours.
- A 911 caller reported that Jones got into a silver vehicle and fled northbound on OH-4.
- A 911 caller reported that a victim who had been shot was lying in the roadway.
- At 1908 hours, Hamilton police officers began CPR on the victim.

Fairfield Township Dispatch Log:

- At 1907 hours, the Butler County Dispatch Center received a call from witness Jeffrey Black (Mr. Black). Mr. Black reported that he was following Jones' silver vehicle.
- At 1910 hours, Mr. Black reported that Jones pulled into the driveway of 6322 Morris Road in Fairfield Township. Mr. Black reported that Jones began walking toward the house, then came back to the silver vehicle.
- The first Fairfield Township Police Department (FTPD) police officer arrived at 1911

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- hours.
- FTPD 21P678 [Officer Mark Bartlett, Jr.] reported that he located a "male with dreads and a gun." At 1912 hours, Officer Bartlett reported that the male went behind a tree. [Note: The dispatch log indicated that Officer Bartlett reported that Jones had fired his gun. However, after further investigation, it was determined that the dispatcher entered that comment in error, as Officer Bartlett merely reported that Jones still had the gun. It should further be noted that the dispatch broadcast over the radio, "Behind tree. Shot gun."]
 - At 1913 hours, Officer Bartlett reported that there was a TASER discharge and Jones ran into the woods.
 - At 1914 hours, FTPD 21P664 [Officer Scott Singleton] reported seeing a Black male with dreads and a green hoodie near a white picket fence.
 - From 1914 hours until 2007 hours, the dispatch log details the search efforts.
 - At 2000 hours, 193 [Hamilton Police Officer James Leisinger] said that he was advised by someone that Jones was last seen on Tara Brooke Court near Hollyberry Lane.
 - At 2007 hours, Officer Leisinger reported that shots were fired.
 - At 2008 hours, Officer Leisinger said Jones was down in the 6400 block of Tara Brooke Court.
 - At 2011 hours, Officer Leisinger said that Jones was secured.
 - The remainder of the dispatch log detailed the after-action events. The dispatch log noted that Jones was pronounced deceased in the ER at 2100 hours.

911 Calls

- 911 Call #1
 - The caller reported a wreck on OH-4 near the fairgrounds. She said that the subject approached her vehicle with a gun. He told her that "someone shot himself." She said she left the area because of the subject with the gun.
- 911 Call #2
 - The caller reported a wreck on OH-4. He told the 911 dispatcher, "Somebody said somebody is doing some shooting." He reported that the subject got into a silver vehicle and fled northbound on OH-4 toward Liberty-Fairfield Road. He said there was a black pick-up truck following the car.
- 911 Call #3
 - The caller told the 911 dispatcher that shots were fired. The dispatcher told her that officers were on the way.
- 911 Call #4
 - The caller reported that the subject fled northbound on OH-4. She said the airbags were deployed and the vehicle had a flat tire. The caller further said, "I can't believe he just shot someone. They're laying in the middle of the street."
- 911 Call #5
 - The caller, later identified as Jeffrey Black (Mr. Black), reported that there was an accident near the fairgrounds. He said the subject "dropped" a body in the roadway. He reported that he was following the subject in his truck. He reported his route, which was OH-4 to Millikin Road to Morris Road.
 - Mr. Black reported that the vehicle was a "light blue sedan." He said pieces of the car were falling off. He said the license plate was JBT3120.

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- Mr. Black said the vehicle pulled into 3622 Morris Road. He reported that the subject was running toward the house but then came back to the vehicle. He described him as a Black male wearing a leopard print jacket.
- Mr. Black said a police officer arrived. He said, "They are telling him to stop, and he won't stop." He further said, "He's running into the woods, and they have their guns drawn."
- 911 Call #6
 - The caller, identified as Kimberly R. Jones, reported that a subject fired shots at her car. She said he did not aim the gun at her car, but the bullet ricocheted and struck her car, leaving a bullet hole.
- 911 Call #7
 - The caller reported seeing the subject, possibly involved in a hit and run, "flying on Morris Road."

SA Seitzman received and reviewed three audio files containing police radio traffic. He received and reviewed radio traffic from Hamilton PD, Butler County Sheriff's Office, and LAW 5 (a multijurisdictional channel for mutual aid).

Audio recordings of the 911 calls and police radio traffic were stored on a thumb drive, which was added to the permanent case file.

References:

USB Thumbdrive