



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Deputy Michael Severance (W)

Date of Activity: 08/24/2023

Activity Location: Blendon Twp. Police Department – Business – 6340 Hempstead Rd,
Westerville, OH 43081

Author: SA James Poole

Narrative:

On August 24, 2023 at 2024 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Franklin County Sherriff's (FCSO) Deputy Michael Severance (Deputy Severance). The interview took place at the Blendon Township Police Department. Deputy Severance was identified as being a police officer who responded to the officer involved shooting situation which involved the now deceased Ta'kiya Young (Ta'kiya). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Deputy Severance stated he heard there was an officer involved situation at the Kroger on Sunbury Road. Deputy Severance added himself to the run to help out. When arriving, Deputy Severance saw the medics treating a female on the sidewalk who was later identified as Ta'kiya.

Deputy Severance explained he helped rope off the area with scene tape. While roping off the area, he found one spent shell casing in the middle of the parking spot close to the handicap parking and front door. Deputy Severance advised an officer to place a cone over it to protect it from blowing away and identify it as evidence.

Deputy Severance then explained he helped Officer Grubb get back to the Blendon Township Police Station for officer support.

SA Poole asked if Deputy Severance saw the incident. Deputy Severance stated no he arrived after the fact.

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The interview concluded at 2027 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Deputy Michael Severance Interview