



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



2025-1049

Officer Involved Critical Incident – Interstate 275 / State Route
32, OH, 45245 (Clermont County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Paramedic Elizabeth Highland (W)
Date of Activity: 04/02/2025
Activity Location: – Interstate 275@State Route 32, OH
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at approximately 0323 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Steven Seitzman interviewed Union Township Fire Department paramedic Elizabeth Highland. The interview took place at the scene inside Union Township Medic 17. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information elicited during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Paramedic Highland was identified as the lead paramedic for the incident. She stated that she responded to a call of a subject with a gunshot wound. Upon arrival, she observed the involved subject on the ground, and law enforcement officers were engaged in life-saving efforts. She observed one officer providing chest compressions and another applying pressure to a chest wound. She said that it appeared that officers applied a chest seal prior to the arrival of the paramedics.

Paramedic Highland stated that emergency medical service technicians took over patient care. She stated that the involved subject [REDACTED]. She further stated that she noted [REDACTED]. The involved subject was moved to the ambulance for better observation. As the paramedics were continuing patient care, they contacted their medical control, who is the on-duty physician at Mercy Health Anderson Hospital. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. The involved subject was pronounced deceased at 2331 hours.

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Paramedic Highland stated that she came to learn that law enforcement shot the involved subject; however, she did not know who fired or the circumstances as to why. She stated that she focused her efforts on patient care and did not observe any weapons that the involved subject may have possessed. She stated that she did learn from a police officer that the involved subject brandished a gun at some point during the incident. She further stated that paramedics removed shotgun shells from the involved subject's pockets, indicating to her that the involved subject was likely armed at some point during the encounter.

Paramedic Highland stated that she observed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Paramedic Highland advised that she did not witness or otherwise hear of any information that would have led her to believe that law enforcement officers acted unlawfully or inappropriately.

The interview concluded at 0331 hours. The audio recording was attached to this investigative report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-04-02 Interview of Union Township Fire Department Paramedic Elizabeth Highland

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.