



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



2023-0290
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson,
OH 45640 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Sgt. Jason Wilson (W)
Date of Activity: 02/08/2023
Activity Location: Jackson County Sheriff's Office – Business – 350 Portsmouth
Street, Suite102, Jackson, OH 45640, Jackson County
Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On January 31, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations and Crime Scene Units were requested by Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) Sheriff Ted Frazier to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) between members of the JCSO and William Beach (Beach). BCI was informed the incident occurred at 1818 Jisco West Road in Jackson County, Ohio, and resulted in Beach being fatally shot by JCSO Lieutenant [REDACTED] (Lt. [REDACTED]).

BCI Special Agent Craig Call (SA Call), Special Agent Jim Mulford (SA Mulford), and Special Agent Jimmy Poole (SA Poole) responded to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) to make contact with JCSO deputies in reference to obtaining witness statements from the involved officers. Upon our arrival, we initially met with Sheriff Frazier and were informed the deputies involved did not wish to make a formal witness statement without speaking with legal counsel first.

Agents met with JCSO Lt. [REDACTED], Sgt. Jason Wilson, Deputy Nicholas Spangler, and Deputy Leif Smith in a conference room at JCSO in order to obtain their contact information and contact information for their attorneys. Lt. [REDACTED] was identified as the sole involved officer that fired his weapon and his Attorney Keith Washburn was present with him. Sgt. Wilson, Deputy Spangler, and Deputy Smith indicated they would all be represented by Attorney Michael Moore and provided me with his contact information.

On February 8, 2023, SA Call and SA Mulford met with Attorney Michael Moore and Sgt. Wilson at the JCSO. Sgt. Wilson prepared a signed written witness statement prior to the meeting and agreed to provide agents with an audio recorded interview in the presence of Attorney Moore. Sgt. Wilson confirmed his written statement is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge. SA Call was provided with a copy of Sgt. Wilson statement and thoroughly reviewed it prior to the start of the interview. This report is a summation of the interview and an audio copy along

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with the signed written witness statement have been added to the case file.

The audio recording device was initiated at approximately 1312 hours.

Sgt. Wilson has been with the JCSO since 2016 and has previously worked for Wellston Police Department for two years and the Ohio State Highway Patrol as an auxiliary officer for four years.

Sgt. Wilson's recorded audio statement is consistent with his signed written witness statement and the follow up questions Sgt. Wilson answered were also consistent with his written statement.

Sgt. Wilson wrote as a part of his statement in reference to the events just prior to the shooting and the shooting itself, "At that time the decision was made to breach the door and retreat to safety so that we could try to establish better communication with William because it was hard to hear him at times. Lt. █████ had the ballistic shield and cover for Deputy Smith who had the door ram, and Deputy Spangler had back cover for Lt. █████ and Deputy Smith. I had side cover for the window. The door was breached, and Deputy Smith began to retreat while Lt. █████ covered with the shield. As Lt. █████ was covering, he came in contact with William and ordered him to come out with his hands up. Lt. █████ ordered him out again, and at that time I heard William scream "Mother Fucker" and then heard one shot fired."

Sgt. Wilson further detailed, "Lt. █████ Deputy Smith, Deputy Spangler, and I entered the shed. William was still kicking and resisting so Lt. █████ transitioned to his taser and tased William. William finally calmed down. Deputy Smith began checking William for injuries and found the one round fired by Lt. █████ struck William just below the right collar bone. Deputy Smith and Lt. █████ began rendering aid to William. I marked dispatch and advised them to send EMS to the scene and that one shot had been fired by law enforcement and that the suspect had been hit. Deputy Smith applied combat quick clot gauze."

After some additional follow up questions to the above referenced paragraphs, Sgt. Wilson said he was positioned behind a white truck providing cover on the front window of the residence as Lt. █████ Deputy Smith, and Deputy Spangler approached and ultimately breached the door. The position Sgt. Wilson described would have given him a visual vantage point of the outside of the residence only. Sgt. Wilson explained he only audibly heard the gunshot and did not initially know who fired it. Sgt. Wilson indicated the shot occurred while the deputies were outside the residence and still on the front porch. Sgt. Wilson said he and the aforementioned deputies made immediate entry into the residence after the shot. Sgt. Wilson said he did have his JCSO issued Glock 17 handgun out of its holster when the shot was fired, however he did not fire then or at any time during the incident.

Sgt. Wilson said he has no previous dealings with William Beach and did not know who he was previous to this incident.

Sgt. Wilson did not have any additional information to add to the incident and the audio interview was concluded at approximately 1332 hours.

Attachments:

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Attachment # 01: 2023-2-8 Interview with Sgt. Jason Wilson
Attachment # 02: Sgt. Wilson written statement

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On January 31, 2023, at 1026 hours Deputy Smith and I, Sgt. Wilson, responded to a trespass complaint at 1734 Jisco West Road, Jackson, Ohio. Upon our arrival, I spoke with the caller, Charlie Soilini, who stated he received a call from a neighbor that said they saw a guy in their truck, and when they went to make contact with him he ran. Charlie stated he went outside and heard his cousin yell that the male was in her back yard, and when he looked out back of his residence he found the male standing in his back yard. They stated the male appeared to be wearing dark blue or black jacket but did not get a good look at his face. Charlie stated he racked his shotgun and told the male to get off of his property. Charlie said at that time the male ran into the wooded area near 1818 Jisco West Road.

1818 Jisco West Road has 3 Amish style buildings on the property. I made contact with Melissa Graham and Shawn Norman in the building to the right facing the property from the roadway. Melissa and Shawn stated Shawn's brother, William (Willy) Beach, was staying in the shed next to them. I asked Melissa if she had seen anyone messing around the residence, and she said that William had chased someone into the woods through the night and they believed the person was EJ Caldwell.

Deputy Smith and I attempted to make contact with William in the middle shed, but he would not answer the door. We could hear William moving around inside, so Deputy Smith checked around back and located footsteps in the mud leading from the area the trespassing suspect was last seen that led to the front porch of the shed William was located in. Due to prior knowledge of William being on municipal court probation, Deputy Smith contacted Chief Probation Officer, Wes Skaggs. We learned William was also out of jail on an ankle monitor for charges of felony assault on a police officer. Deputy Smith contacted Herb McGuire to get Williams tracking on his ankle monitor. Herb advised that William was behind 1734 Jisco West Road a few minutes prior to our arrival, and was at 1818 Jisco West Road at the time we contacted him.

Lt. [REDACTED] and Deputy Reynold's along with Chief Probation Officer Skaggs and Probation Officer Christina Edwards arrived on scene. I cleared the scene at 1114 hours to assist Jackson County EMS on Hardscrapple Road, Wellston. I was canceled at 1138 hours, and at that time I heard Lt. [REDACTED] mark dispatch that William had barricaded himself in the shed and was armed with an axe. I arrived back at 1818 Jisco West Road at 1141 hours. Over the next 2 hours multiple attempts were made by Ohio State Highway Patrol Hostage Negotiators and Deputies on scene. Communication was made with William but he refused to cooperate. A negotiation phone was thrown in the window, but William refused to answer it and talk to us.

William stated he wanted a cigarette and in exchange he would pick up the phone. Sheriff Frazier retrieved a cigarette, and I advised William we had a cigarette for him. William demanded we lay the cigarette in the window. I advised William that was not

possible due to safety concerns for officers. William said "Fuck it then, I don't want a cigarette". I asked William if he had a gun and he stated he does. I told William that's why we could not put the cigarette in the window. We asked William again to come out unarmed with his hands in the air and told him we would give him a cigarette at that time. William said he was not coming out.

At that time the decision was made to breach the door and retreat to safety so that we could try to establish better communication with William because it was hard to hear him at times. Lt. [REDACTED] had the ballistic shield and cover for Deputy Smith who had the door ram, and Deputy Spangler had back cover for Lt. [REDACTED] and Deputy Smith. I had side cover for the window. The door was breached, and Deputy Smith began to retreat while Lt. [REDACTED] covered with the shield. As Lt. [REDACTED] was covering, he came in contact with William and ordered him to come out with his hands up. Lt. [REDACTED] ordered him out again, and at that time I heard William scream "Mother Fucker" and then heard one shot fired.

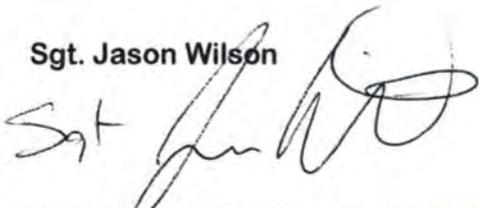
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EMS personnel arrived on scene and we immediately removed William from the shed and loaded him into the medical squad. William was still talking to us when we got him in the squad. I rode in the squad with EMS. EMS staff was checking vitals and attempting to start an IV while we were en route to the hospital and that's when William went into cardiac arrest. I began performing chest compressions on William while EMS staff intubated him. I was able to restore a pulse on William for a brief time, but as we pulled into Holzer ER Jackson William went into cardiac arrest again.

I returned to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to upload my body camera, and wait on the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation to arrive to photograph and collect evidence.

END OF STATEMENT

Sgt. Jason Wilson



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