



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



2024-2738

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 345 Lincoln Ave.,
Lancaster, OH 43130 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Corrections Officer Landon Talbott
Involves: CO Landon Talbott
Activity Date: 01/07/2025
Activity Location: 345 Lincoln Ave., Lancaster, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung, #86

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 07, 2025, at 1458 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA James Gore (SA Gore) interviewed Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Corrections Officers (CO) Landon Talbott (CO Talbott), who was accompanied by his attorney, Joe Hegedus, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the activity location listed above. The interview was audio recorded, electronically saved in the case file and is attached to this report.

CO Talbot was identified as being a corrections officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the use of force incident involving Chad Evangelista (Evangelista) which occurred inside the Fairfield County Jail (FCJ) on September 7-8, 2024. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by CO Talbott.

CO Talbott, badge number CO 32, told agents he has worked for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office for over three (3) years and has no previous law enforcement or military experience. On the incident date, CO Talbott was assigned to third shift with hours of 0000 hours to 0800 hours.

CO Talbott stated when he came in for his shift, Evangelista had already been placed in the restraint chair. CO Talbott said he and with other corrections officers were requested to remove Evangelista from the restraint chair.

CO Talbott advised he provided pressure on Evangelista's legs to keep Evangelista from kicking anyone. CO Talbott indicated when Evangelista's limbs were free, Evangelista tried to walk out of the cell. CO Talbott stated he and CO Brock Vanhorn had to re-engage with Evangelista by escorting him towards the back wall of the jail cell. CO Talbott said all correction officers were able to exit the jail cell, however, Evangelista ran back towards the door, trying to push his way out.

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CO Talbott explained Evangelista was able to get a foot and part of his arm wedged between the cell door and the frame. CO Talbott stated [REDACTED] sprayed Evangelista with her OC spray, that had no effect on him. CO Talbott went on saying, the cell door was opened, and he pushed Evangelista away from the door. CO Talbott described his push as an open hand push on Evangelista's chest area. CO Talbott confirmed he had no further interaction with Evangelista after the cell door was secured.

CO Talbott described Evangelista's behavior as aggressive towards jail staff and acted as if he was high on drugs, and he was "the strongest guy I've ever dealt with." "I remember him being very strong." He further stated Evangelista kept repeating the word, "Fire!"

The interview concluded at approximately 1507 hours.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. CO Landon Talbott audio interview