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Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 197 West 8th Ave., Columbus,
Ohio 43201 (L)

Investigative Activity: Case Opening, Initial Briefing

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Narrative:

On August 11, 2024, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) to assist in the investigation of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) involving police officers from CPD and the Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD).

On August 11, 2024, at approximately 0817 hours, CPD officers attempted to make contact with an individual identified as Asante Taaj Omar Miller (Miller) in response to a forced entry/break-in at 1517 Worthington Street. Upon CPD's arrival, Miller attempted to flee the location and an exchange of gunfire occurred outside of 242 West 8th Avenue. Officers from CPD as well as OSUPD pursued Miller to 197 West 8th Avenue, where he barricaded himself inside the residence. While searching the building and attempting to locate Miller, CPD and OSUPD officers were fired upon and at least one responding law enforcement officer returned fire. CPD and OSUPD officers retreated from where Miller had barricaded himself, and a single gunshot was heard shortly after. Miller was later located in a bedroom closet and found to be deceased with a potential self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A firearm not belonging to any responding law enforcement personnel was discovered and collected at the scene. No law enforcement officers were injured during this incident.

Upon arrival to the location of the incident, BCI agents conducted a scene walkthrough with CPD homicide detectives, who provided BCI with safety information related to the OICI. BCI agents obtained relevant information from CPD detectives, conducted a neighborhood canvass, attempted to collect any available surveillance video, and processed the scene of the incident. BCI Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) was assigned as lead investigator from the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and BCI Special Agent Aja Chung (SA Chung) was assigned as lead investigator from the Crime Scene Unit (CSU).

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