



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



2024-3052

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 10300 block Silvercreek
Road, Doylestown, Ohio 44230, Medina County

Investigative Activity: Interview of [REDACTED]
Involves: [REDACTED] (S)
Activity Date: 10/21/2024
Activity Location: Medina County Sheriff's Office, 555 Independence Drive,
Medina, OH 44256
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Monday, October 21, 2024, at 0954 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) and SA Joe Goudy (Goudy) interviewed Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) [REDACTED] who was accompanied by his attorney, George Gerken, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) and union representative Detective J.A. Seiberling. The interview took place at Medina County Sheriff's Office, 555 Independence Drive, Medina, OH 44256. The interview was audio and video recorded.

[REDACTED] read, understood, and signed the BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Preliminary and Demographic Information:

Name: [REDACTED]	Rank: [REDACTED]
Badge Number: [REDACTED]	Cruiser/Vehicle Number: [REDACTED]
Radio Call Sign: [REDACTED]	Immediate Supervisor: Sergeant (Sgt.) King
Radio Channel Utilized: MCSO 1	Mobile Data Terminal: Present & Utilized

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Cruiser Description: Sheriff's Office marked, emergency lightbar, black in color, 2024 Ford Explorer	Occupants of Cruiser and Seating Positions: Sole occupant
Assignment: [REDACTED]	Normal Shift: [REDACTED]
In-Car Camera: Operational & Utilized	Spotlight: Present & Utilized
Emergency Lights: Present & Utilized	Siren: Present & Utilized
Shift Day of Incident: 1400-0600 (including overtime)	Duty Status: On-Duty
Days Off: [REDACTED]	Prior Overtime or Extra Details within Preceding 48 Hours: 1400-1800 hours on October 5, 2024
Hours of Sleep Prior to Incident: 7	Consider Self Well Rested?: Yes
Total Length as Officer: 8	Length at Current Agency: 3.5
Physical Disabilities (to include hearing aid): None	Corrective Lenses: No Corrective Lenses
Uniform Worn: External vest carrier, standard short sleeve patrol uniform, duty belt	Equipment and Less-Lethal Options Carried on Person/Belt/Vest: Tourniquet, OC spray, 2 magazines, badge, BWC, Sheriff patches on both shoulders, pistol, nametag, Taser
Ballistic Vest: External Armor	Body Worn Camera: Present & Used
Other Recording Devices: None	Partner: None
Injuries: None	Equipment Damage: Medical kit exposed to biohazard
Training or Areas of Specialty: [REDACTED] Active shooter training	OPOTC Certification: Basic academy at Medina County Career Center, [REDACTED]
Military Experience/Training: None	Use-of-Force Training: 5 live-fire ranges per year with UOF prior to range, 2 defensive tactics classes per year
Prior Shooting Incidents: None	Prior Discipline or Use-of-Force Complaints: None
Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair Your Duties at Time of Incident: None	Medications, Prescriptions, or Drugs that might Impair You Now for Interview: None
Alcohol in Past 24 Hours? 1 beer, yesterday at 12:30pm	Last Consumed Alcohol Prior to Incident: 1 week

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Officer's Firearm(s):

Weapon #1

Make: Glock	Model: 45
Caliber/Gauge: 9 mm	Serial: [REDACTED]
Type: Semi-Auto Handgun	Method of Carry: Hip holster
Magazine Capacity: 17	Total Rounds as Carried (including chamber): 17 + 1 = 18
Extra Magazines: 2	Number of Rounds in Extra Magazines: 17 cartridges in each extra magazine (17 + 17 = 34)
Discharged During Incident? Yes	Primary or Backup Weapon: Primary
Rounds Remaining After Incident: 5	Number of Rounds Fired: Initially thought 6-7, after reviewing video 13.
Right/Left-Handed Carry: Right-Handed	Ownership: Department Owned
Last Qualification Date: September 2024	Type of Holster, if any: Level 3

[REDACTED] stated that on October 5, 2024, he was assigned to the southwest beat. He was in the area of Friendsville Road and Route 224 near Cloverleaf High School. Wadsworth Police Department (WPD) dispatch contacted the MCSO dispatch asking for assistance with a male, possibly driving to Wadsworth High School, that had made statements regarding suicide and suicide-by-cop. [REDACTED] stated that homecoming was going on at the high school, so several hundred kids would be there. Information was also relayed that the male was possibly armed and that the male "was ready for us." [REDACTED] stated that WPD had 4 officers working and they were requesting additional officers. MCSO Sergeant King sent [REDACTED] and another deputy to the high school. [REDACTED] estimated that the time he was dispatched was shortly after 2100 hours. [REDACTED] learned that there were 3 entrances to the school and the school was put on lockdown. [REDACTED] was stationed at the east entrance. [REDACTED] stated that at around 2200 hours, parents were showing up to pick up their kids, but due to the school being on lockdown, parents were told that they would have to wait nearby. [REDACTED] stated that the Wayne County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) was pinging the subject's cell phone, and those pings were showing that the subject was getting closer to the high school.

Approximately 20 minutes later, MCSO [REDACTED] located the subject vehicle on Broad Street near Silvercreek Road. At that time, [REDACTED] was on Silvercreek Road and Grizzly Way. [REDACTED] got behind the vehicle and verified that the

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registration returned to the subject (David Septer). [REDACTED] stated that an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper (Sergeant Gasser) was heading to work and saw [REDACTED] at the high school. Sergeant Gasser stopped and [REDACTED] asked him to stay at the school while [REDACTED] went to back up [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then drove down Silvercreek to locate [REDACTED] and the subject vehicle. [REDACTED] located them on Silvercreek just south of Johnson Road. At that time, [REDACTED] radioed Sergeant King for permission to make a traffic stop on the vehicle. Permission was granted. [REDACTED] then stated that they would be doing a high risk stop. [REDACTED] activated his emergency lights and siren. [REDACTED] activated his emergency lights. The subject continued to drive south on Silvercreek for approximately ¼ mile. [REDACTED] then activated his siren and the subject pulled over.

[REDACTED] pulled his cruiser behind the subject vehicle while [REDACTED] pulled his vehicle alongside [REDACTED] but in the northbound lane. [REDACTED] aimed his spotlight at the driver side door and window of the subject vehicle. The subject put his left leg out of the vehicle at which point [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had their handguns drawn. [REDACTED] began to give verbal commands for the subject to show his hands. [REDACTED] stated "I heard a very distinct click noise which I assumed could possibly be a safety for a firearm and I heard a very distinct racking noise of a firearm. At which point I vocalized 'He's racking something' um, hoping that my partner would hear that. Um, he stepped out of the vehicle, faced us with the rifle across his chest in a downward position at which point he started to raise that rifle up. I feared for both my life and my partner's life, and any public that could be behind us or other responding units. At which point I discharged my firearm until the threat was down. Um, He fell, the gun fell. Sergeant King and Sergeant Gasser I guess were right behind us when this occurred um, running up to us. Sergeant King vocalized, er, [REDACTED] vocalized 'Shots fired' to dispatch and then Sergeant King also told dispatch "shots fired, standby" [13:39]. After verifying that there were no other occupants in the subject vehicle, Sergeant King and Sergeant Gasser kicked the gun away from the subject. [REDACTED] then retrieved a medical kit from his vehicle and began to render aid to the subject. [REDACTED] stated that he and Sergeant Gasser put 3 chest seals on the subject. EMS arrived on scene 2 to 3 minutes later and worked on the subject for approximately 30 minutes until he was pronounced dead. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were separated and taken back to the MCSO.

SA Lieber asked [REDACTED] if he could recall any description that he received of the subject and subject vehicle. [REDACTED] stated that dispatch informed them that it was a gray 2014 Ford F-150. [REDACTED] stated that they were also informed of the license plate. [REDACTED] then searched this information to locate a photo of the subject as well as his height and

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body weight. [REDACTED] did not recall receiving a physical description of the subject from dispatch.

SA Lieber asked [REDACTED] if he had watched his dash and/or body-worn camera (BWC). [REDACTED] confirmed that he had watched both videos a total of approximately 30 times.

[REDACTED] stated that he never heard the subject say anything during the incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 1016 hours.

The interview was audio and video recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. The audio and video recording has been added to the case file as reference item A. Please see the attachments for further details.

References:

Item A – Audio/video recording – interviews of MCSO [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attachments:

1. 2024-10-21 MCSO [REDACTED] interview
2. 2024-10-21 Criminal Invest. Notification - [REDACTED]

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Criminal Investigation Notification

1. This investigation is being conducted in order to determine whether any criminal laws have been violated on the part of those involved in this incident. Specifically, to collect facts and information to be provided to the prosecutor and/or grand jury in order for them to determine whether the conduct involved is authorized or prohibited by criminal statutes.
2. Your participation in this interview is voluntary and you may decline to answer or cease the interview at any time. You are entitled to have an attorney present if you wish.
3. The criminal investigation is separate from any internal, administrative investigation which your employer may or may not be independently conducting. You are not being compelled to give any statement or answer any questions. This is not a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

[Redacted]
Printed Name of Interviewee

10-21-24 0950 hrs.
Date / Time

[Redacted]
S

SA Jon Liebu #50
BCI Agent (Printed)

[Signature] #50
BCI Agent (Signature)