

Investigative Report

2022-1564

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Charleston, OH 45368



Investigative Activity: Documentation of involved deputies and officer (Scene 3)

Activity Date: July 24, 2022

Activity Location: 1480 Bowman Road, Springfield, OH (Northeastern High School)

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Aja Chung, #86

On Sunday, July 24th, 2022, the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) requested Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) for an officer involved critical incident where two deputies had been shot. South Crime Scene Unit (CSU) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung was assigned to assist with the investigation by CSU SA Supervisor Joshua Durst. CSU SA Chad Holcomb was already on scene and directed SA Chung to respond to Northeastern Highschool to document the involved deputies.

At 1600 hours, SA Chung arrived on scene and made contact with CCSO Chief Deputy Gary Cox and CCSO Major Andrew Reynolds who advised nine law enforcement personnel discharged their weapons. At 1630 hours, SA Chung collected firearms from eight CCSO deputies and one Village of North Hampton Police sergeant and photographed them as they were when the incident took place.

CCSO Deputy Scott Cultice (Cultice)

ccso Deputy Cultice was wearing black battle dress uniform (BDU) style pants, his agency issued external vest that had 'Sheriff' in yellow on the front and back of the vest and a black helmet with his last name (in yellow) on the back. SA Chung photographed Cultice's pistol for documentation purposes only. His rifle, a Rock River Arms rifle, model LAR-15, 5.56mm with a serial number: with a front pistol grip and an EO Tech red dot sight was photographed and collected as item 1. One cartridge was removed from the chamber and 21 cartridges were in the seated magazine. Cultice confirmed the magazine had a capacity of 30 however he loaded it with 25 cartridges.

CCSO Deputy Jonathan Snyder (Snyder)

CCSO Deputy Snyder was wearing green BDU style pants, his agency issued external vest that had 'Sheriff' in yellow on the front and back of the vest, a small patch with his last name on the back of his vest (above 'Sheriff') and a black helmet with his last name (in yellow) on the back. Snyder's pistol was photographed for documentation purposes. The rifle he discharged was a Rock River Arms rifle, model LAR-15, 5.56mm with a serial number:

It had a front pistol grip, an EO Tech red dot sight and a Surefire flashlight affixed to the barrel near the front sight. There was a double magazine that was seated in the rifle. The first magazine contained 17 cartridges. The second magazine contained 29 cartridges. Both magazines had a capacity of 30 cartridges. The rifle, magazine and 46 cartridges were packaged together as item 2.

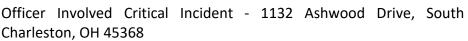
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CCSO Deputy Denise Jones (Jones)

CCSO Deputy Denise Jones was wearing black BDU style pants, her agency issued external vest and a black helmet with her last name (in yellow) on the back. The external vest she was wearing had 'Sheriff' in yellow on the front and back of the vest as well as the shoulder pads. Jones indicated the missing right shoulder pad and two rifle magazines missing from her external vest were on the lawn where entry was made. SA Chung observed dirt stains on her right pant leg. Jones discharged her weapon, a Glock 19 semi-automatic pistol, Gen 5, 9x19 with serial number: One cartridge was removed from the chamber and 15 cartridges removed from the seated magazine. Jones advised she provided CCSO Deputy Weaver with four to five cartridges at the scene because he didn't have any spare magazines on his person. Jones had three extra magazines that were photographed for documentation purposes only. One 17 cartridge capacity (fully loaded) and two 15 cartridge capacity magazines (one empty & one fully loaded). The pistol, magazine and 16 cartridges were packaged together as item 3.

CCSO Sergeant Chad Eubanks (Eubanks)

CCSO Sergeant Chad Eubanks was his agency issued patrol uniform with an external vest with 'Sheriff' in yellow on the back of his vest. SA Chung photographed Eubanks' pistol for documentation purposes and collected the rifle he discharged. The rifle, a Bushmaster XM15-E2S, 223/5.56mm had a serial number:

The seated magazine contained 19 cartridges (30 cartridge capacity). The shoulder sling was removed and given back to Eubanks.

CCSO Major Andrew Reynolds (Reynolds)

CCSO Major Andrew Reynolds was wearing khaki BDU style pants, a grey polo style shirt and an external vest with 'Sheriff' in yellow on the front and back of his vest. SA Chung observed grass and dirt stains on his right pant leg, hear his knee. SA Chung collected Reynolds' weapon, a Glock 19 semi-automatic pistol, Gen 5, 9x19 with serial number:

Reynolds confirmed he tactically reloaded and provided SA Chung with the magazine that was used during the incident as well as his second magazine. The magazine SA Chung removed from the pistol when she received it was fully loaded. One cartridge was removed from the chamber. The magazine used during the incident contained six cartridges. The pistol, magazine used during incident and 7 cartridges were packaged together as item 5.

CCSO Deputy Branden McDuffie (McDuffie)

CCSO Deputy Branden McDuffie was wearing black BDU style pants, his agency issued external vest that had 'Sheriff' in yellow on the front and back of the vest, a small patch with his last name on the back of his vest (above 'Sheriff') and a black helmet. McDuffie's pistol was photographed for documentation only. The rifle he discharged was a Rock River Arms, model LAR-15, 5.56mm with serial number:

an EO Tech red dot sight and a small flashlight near front of the barrel. SA Chung removed 25 cartridges from the seated magazine (capacity of 30). McDuffie confirmed he loads his rifle magazine between 25-28 cartridges.

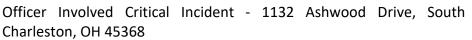
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CCSO Deputy Ross Eubanks (R. Eubanks)

CCSO Deputy Ross Eubanks was wearing black BDU style pants and an external vest with 'Sheriff' in yellow on the back. SA Chung photographed R. Eubanks' pistol for documentation only. The rifle he discharged, an Aero Precision, X-15, multi caliber with serial number: had a front pistol grip and an American Defense sight. SA Chung removed the double magazine seated in it. The first magazine contained 24 cartridges, the second magazine contained 29 cartridges. Both magazines had a capacity of 30 cartridges. The rifle, double magazine and 53 cartridges were collected as item 7.

CCSO Deputy Ryan Weaver (Weaver)

CCSO Deputy Ryan Weaver was wearing blue jeans, a red t-shirt, gloves, his agency issued external vest with 'Sheriff' in yellow on the front and back of the vest and a black helmet. SA Chung collected Weaver's weapon, a Glock 19 semi-automatic pistol, Gen 5, 9x19 with serial number: There was a Streamlight TRL-1 tactical light on it that was removed by SA Chung and returned to Weaver. One cartridge was removed from the chamber and the seated magazine contained 10 cartridges. Weaver confirmed he was positioned directly behind CCSO Deputy Jones when he received 4-5 cartridges from one of her magazines. The pistol, magazine and 11 cartridges were packaged together as item 8.

Village of North Hampton Police Sergeant Steven Harrison (Harrison)

Village of North Hampton Sergeant Steven Harrison was wearing his agency issued uniform that consisted of a black uniform shirt and black BDU style pants. His black external vest had 'Police' in white reflective material on the back. Harrison's pistol was photographed for documentation. SA Chung photographed and collected the rifle he discharged. The rifle was a PTR 9, 9mm x 19 had a serial number: with an unknown brand red dot optic and Bilencerco suppresser (.46 cal; S/N: There was a double magazine seated in the rifle. The first magazine contained 22 cartridges and the second magazine contained 28. Both magazines had a capacity of 30 cartridges. Harrison advised SA Chung the rifle he carried was his personal rifle.

SA Chung was notified by BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) SA Kenneth Smith a CCSO cruiser was struck with a bullet. SA Chung photographed the cruiser and located one ballistic event on the windshield. The black Ford Explorer was operated by CCSO B. Melchi who indicated the cruiser was parked in front of the trailer at the time of the incident. The ballistic event (BE) had radial and concentric fractures extending from the point of impact. The defect was a ricochet that caused shallow damage to the windshield. Small shards of glass were observed on the interior side of the vehicle on the dashboard as well as the front seats. The defect was labeled as BE 1.0. No projectile was recovered.

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SA Chung completed her documentation of all involved law enforcement personnel at 2015 hours. All nine firearms collected were secured in the crime scene temporary locker at BCI offices in London, Ohio at 2200 hours.

On July 25, 2022 at 1453 hours, SA Chad Holcomb removed items #1-9 from the temporary evidence locker and submitted the firearms to the BCI laboratory at 1509 hours for examination.