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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 4272 Cider Mill Drive,
Cincinnati, OH 45245 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: [REDACTED] (W)

Date of Activity: 11/25/2025

Activity Location: Union Township Police Department – Business – 4312 Glen Este-
Withamsville Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45245

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Narrative:

On Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 0851 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Union Township Police Department (UTPD) [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who was accompanied by his attorney, Steve Lazarus. The interview took place at the Union Township Police Department, located at 4312 Glen-Este Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245. The interview was audio recorded.

The following summary of the recorded interview highlights the key points the author deemed most relevant, although it does not provide a verbatim account. Additionally, this report was placed in a chronology to enhance the reader's understanding of the information obtained during the interview. However, it is important to note that this may not reflect the actual order of the questions posed. Therefore, it is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

[REDACTED] was identified as being an officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred on November 17, 2025, in Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio. [REDACTED] did not discharge his firearm during this incident. The primary objective of the interview was to gather all pertinent information known or observed by him. He confirmed that he was providing his statement voluntarily.

[REDACTED] has been a police officer at the Union Township Police Department for [REDACTED]. He previously served at the Goshen Township Police Department, Owensville Police Department, Batavia Police Department, and Arlington Heights Police Department. He is currently assigned as a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he is assigned to [REDACTED], which is typically from [REDACTED]. He was wearing his road patrol uniform, which consisted of a navy blue uniform, patches, badge, and an outer

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vest carrier, clearly marked police. [REDACTED] was assigned to cruiser [REDACTED] and was wearing a body worn camera (BWC), which was activated and recording during the incident.

On November 17, 2025, [REDACTED] stated that officers were dispatched to a suicidal male. Dispatch advised that the caller was a male that had a code 40 (gun) and that he was very agitated. [REDACTED] responded from Ohio Pike and Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road, which he estimated took a couple of minutes.

When he arrived on scene, he parked his cruiser down the street from the subject's house. [REDACTED] stated that he was getting additional information from dispatch, who stated that the male was going to the garage to get his gun. Dispatch also advised that the subject stated if officers came in, that he was going to shoot or kill officers. [REDACTED] said that the subject was making additional suicidal comments, which were relayed to officers.

Officers set up a perimeter around the house. [REDACTED] requested that dispatch transfer the male subject, identified as Tommy Noble, to his phone. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was telling the subject that officers weren't there to hurt him and only wanted the best outcome. [REDACTED] was requesting that the subject let his mom out of the house, and [REDACTED] believed that he was going to let the female out.

[REDACTED] said that he repositioned himself because of the house layout. He said that initially he couldn't see the front door, so he moved to a position just north of the front door, on the other side of the street, behind a small truck, where he could see the complete front door. [REDACTED] said that he was close to [REDACTED], who was on the right side of him in a driveway behind a vehicle. He said that he could hear [REDACTED] talking to the subject. [REDACTED] was trying to keep the subject calm and let him know that officers weren't there to hurt him. [REDACTED] said that he could hear [REDACTED] telling the subject not to come outside with the gun.

Eventually, the front door opened, and [REDACTED] recalled the subject coming out. He said that the male subject was holding the white screen door open for the female, believed to be the subject's mother, and allowed her to come out. He said that a dog came out and then the female stepped out before stepping back in. [REDACTED] said that the subject was pointing the gun around and yelling and screaming. [REDACTED] said that he spotlit them with his flashlight. He said that he observed the subject waving the gun and pointing the gun in his direction 2-3 times, before he ducked down. [REDACTED] said that he verbalized to other officers that the subject came out and pointed a gun at officers.

[REDACTED] said that he heard some commotion, which he described as [REDACTED] yelling, but could not recall what was said. [REDACTED] said that he heard one gunshot before he stood up and saw the subject running across the yard and fall face first on to the ground. [REDACTED] was asked if he felt as if his life or the lives of other officers were in danger and he stated yes. He said that Sergeant Shaw mentioned later that night, that he thought officers were being shot at.

Himself and Sgt. Shaw started running toward the subject and gave him commands to stay on the ground, drop the gun, and show his hands. He said that Sgt. Shaw went to the gun to secure it. [REDACTED] said that he secured the subject. Once he placed him in handcuffs,

he stated that he tried to assess the subject's injuries. [REDACTED] observed one gunshot to the subject's back. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he felt a pulse and he stated that he wasn't sure if he felt one or not. He said that he observed the subject's eyes start rolling back and heard one gasping breath, before he started doing cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

[REDACTED] said that he did CPR until medics arrived on scene and took over care. He estimated the medics arrived within a few minutes. Once medics were there, [REDACTED] removed the handcuffs from the subject. Medics made the decision to transport the subject to Anderson Mercy Hospital. [REDACTED] secured the area by putting up crime scene tape and assisted with keeping a crime scene log.

[REDACTED] was asked why he made the decision not to fire. He stated that for a split second he considered shooting but did not fire due to being over 50 feet away from the subject, armed with only a handgun, at night, and with the mother still in the doorway of the house.

The interview concluded at 0905 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached to this report.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-11-25 [REDACTED] Audio Interview