



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



2022-0310
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe,
Ohio (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Det. Matthew Parker (W)
Date of Activity: 02/12/2022
Activity Location: Monroe Police Department – Business – 601 South Main Street,
Monroe, OH 45050, Butler County
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Narrative:

On February 12, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) received a request for assistance from the Monroe Police Department (Monroe PD). The request was in regard to an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at the intersection of New Garver Road at Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio. Officers attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle containing a subject from a previous mental health call that ended at 120 Bluegrass Lane in Monroe. The mental health call turned into a six-hour standoff with the involved subject, later identified as Dustin Booth (Booth). The traffic stop turned into an officer involved shooting with Booth shot numerous times and transported to Atrium Middletown Hospital where he later died from his wounds.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 0325 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ken Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Detective Matthew Parker (Det. Parker) of the Monroe Police Department. The interview took place at the Monroe Police Department located at 639 S. Main Street, Monroe, Ohio. Det. Parker was identified as being a police officer who responded to the February 11, 2022, shooting which occurred at the intersection of New Garver Road at Lebanon Street, Monroe, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview:

Det. Parker has been employed with Monroe since December 2014. He was previously an auxiliary officer with Perry Twp. PD in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Det. Parker stated he was working his normal shift as a detective and had just returned from the

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BCI Lab in London when he was told to put on his vest and respond to an incident in progress at 120 Bluegrass. When he arrived, he observed the officers had established an perimeter. There was an officer giving commands over the loudspeaker. Det. Parker and his fellow Detective Bender were maintaining a position on the front side of the residence.

At approximately 1700 hours, the decision was made to have officers back off from the residence and to have plain clothes officers maintain surveillance. Information was relayed that another individual came to the residence and that both subjects were inside the residence (Justin Duh and Dustin Booth). When both Duh and Booth left the residence in Duh's vehicle, a decision was made to initiate an traffic stop on the pair. Det. Parker and Det. Ledford followed the vehicle and were approximately thirty seconds behind, when the traffic stop was made. Det. Parker quickly stopped to don his vest and heard over the radio that the two subjects were fighting in the vehicle after being stopped, which was followed by a call of "shots fired" over the radio. Det. Parker did not hear any shots and he did not observe who had fired. He and Det. Ledford ended up parking at the rear of the line of marked units. Det. Parker grabbed his rifle and ran up to the scene. On his way forward, Det. Parker encountered Justin Duh near a cruiser and yelled at him to get back. When Det. Parker was able to observe the scene, he saw Monroe Officers Halsey, Witt, Day, Doughman, and Sgts. Payne and Meyers all rendering aid to Booth.

Det. Parker didn't speak to any of the officers on scene other than to ask if they were "Ok". He stated that all of the officers appeared to be very emotional, but physically fine.

Det. Parker advised that he did observe the subject's gun which appeared to be a cowboy action type revolver lying on the ground near the subject.

Det. Parker advised that there is a traffic camera located on a pole above the scene of the incident.

Det. Parker advised also that there were two negotiators from the West Chester Police Department present at 120 Bluegrass prior to the widened perimeter.

Det. Parker also interviewed Justin Duh (Duh) after the incident, both at the scene and at the Monroe Police Department, and advised that Duh stated that Booth had been acting differently for the last week. Duh stated that Booth was getting into a bunch of conspiracy theories and could not stay on any one topic. Duh stated that Booth was doing weird things, he had drawn all over his face, and arms, he had setup nerf guns around the house, set up a Christmas tree, and two shotguns by the window. Duh stated that he and Booth had smoked marijuana and that Booth had been using a THC vape. When Duh returned to the house after leaving to get pizza, Booth asked Duh if he had his gun and Duh said "no". Booth then went inside and came out with a bag which contained his gun and got into the vehicle with Duh. When Booth realized that the police were behind them, Duh stated that Booth reached into the back to try and get his gun out of the back seat and Duh began struggling with Booth over the gun. Duh stated that Booth got the bag the gun was in and got out of the car and Duh got out of the car and went straight to the ground. Duh said he didn't see anything but heard what he described as firecrackers a few seconds later.

Duh later said to Det. Parker that this (Booth) wasn't the guy he grew up with. Duh stated that Booth had had a minor heart attack recently and wondered if that or the vapes could have

changed his behavior. Duh wrote some things on a piece of paper and gave Det. Parker some pictures he took while inside 120 Bluegrass including some prescription bottles.

The interview was concluded at 0348 hours.

SA Smith has attached the written note from Duh as well as the photos referenced by Det. Parker as well as copy of the recorded interview.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-02-12 Det. Matt Parker Interview

Attachment # 02: Photo Taken by Duh #1 IMG_3595

Attachment # 03: Photo Taken by Duh #2 IMG_3596

Attachment # 04: Photo Taken by Duh #3 IMG_3597

Attachment # 05: Photo Taken by Duh #4 IMG_3598

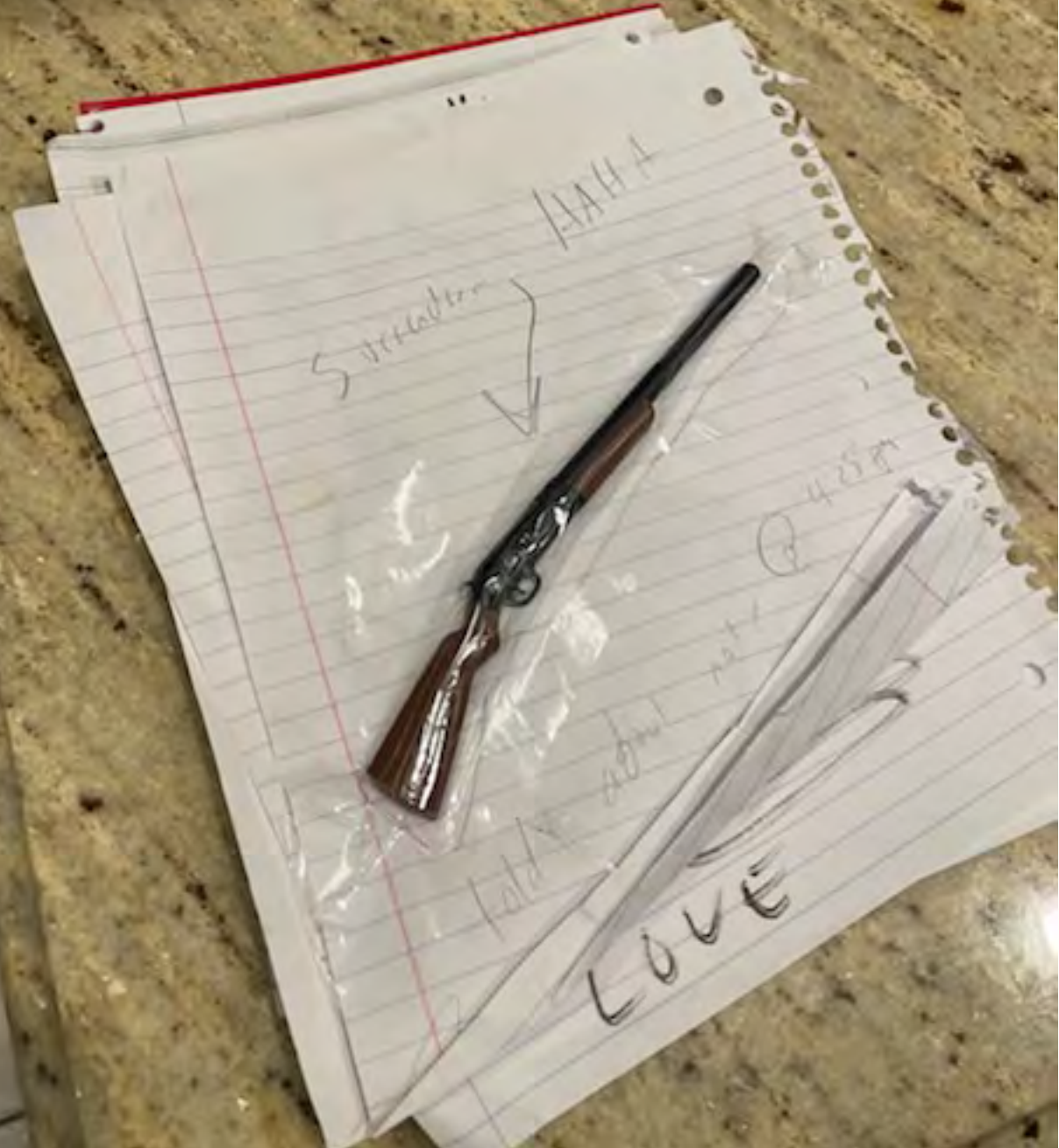
Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2



Exhibit 3



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Exhibit 4



Exhibit 5

