



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



2022-2918

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 West Hopocan, Barberton, OH
44203

Investigative Activity: Notification – Initial Response
Activity Date: Monday, December 26, 2022
Activity Location: 500 West Hopocan Avenue, Barberton (Summit County), Ohio
44203
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Charlie Snyder #90

On Monday, December 26, 2022 at 0948 hours, Ohio Attorney General's – Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) – Special Agent Charlie Snyder (Snyder) received notification via "Whose Responding" messaging service, reporting an officer involved critical incident. Snyder transmitted receipt and intention of responding to the incident scene of 500 West Hopocan Avenue, Barberton, Ohio.

At 1043 hours during cellular communication, Special Agent Charles Moran (Moran) redirected Snyder to proceed to Summa Health System – Akron Campus (previously known as Akron City Hospital), located at 141 North Forge Street, Akron, Ohio 44304. The injured subject was removed from the scene by emergency medical services personnel and taken there. Information indicated two Barberton Police Department (BPD) personnel were standing by at that location. At approximately 1105 hours, Snyder arrived at Summa Health System – Akron Campus.

At approximately 1115 hours, hospital security personnel escorted Snyder to the facilities operating rooms area, where he briefly met with BPD Detectives Ben Hill and Laurella. Snyder was allowed entry to the operating room and observed numerous medical personnel working on the subject.

At approximately 1148 hours, those efforts ceased and subject declared deceased. At approximately 1153 hours, Snyder notified Moran of the subject's death by cellular telephone contact.

Subsequent review of documentation provided by Summa Health System, indicated the identity of the subject was Zachary Zoran (Zoran), Caucasian male. Zoran reportedly suffered a single perforating/penetrating ballistic wound to the abdomen. The wound was indicated exiting from Zoran's back and no ballistic evidence was recovered during the surgery.

Snyder received from Summa Health System personnel one large size semi-transparent plastic bag that's opening was tied closed and purported to contain all personal items and clothing Zoran had on his person upon arrival the hospital. Noted on visible clothing was what appeared to be large quantity of heavy blood staining. Summa Health System personnel also requested Snyder make appropriate notification of Zoran's death to Summit County Medical Examiner (SCME).

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At approximately 1213 hours, during cellular telephone contact with Moran, Snyder advised of the intended SCME notification. Following that notification, Moran requested Snyder respond to the scene to assist with possible witness interviews.

Snyder departed Summa Health System – Akron Campus at approximately 1214 hours, then drove directly to Summit County Medical Examiner's Offices (SCME) – 85 North Summit Street, Akron, Ohio 44308, arriving there at approximately 1216 hours. Snyder met with SCME personnel, advised of Zoran's death and provided basic known background information relative to this matter.

At approximately 1237 hours, per Moran's request, Snyder departed SCME office and drove to 500 West Hopocan Avenue, Barberton, Ohio, arriving on scene at approximately 1251 hours.

At the incident scene location, Snyder turned over all items provided by Summa Health System personnel indicated as Zoran's property, to BCI Crime Scene Unit – Special Agent Daniel Boerner for further documentation and processing.

Snyder then teamed with BCI – Special Agent Nicolas Valente, and assisted with interviews of several possible witnesses to this incident. Those interviews to be each reported separately.