

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



2021-0888

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 500 South Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer

Involves: Security (S)

Date of Activity: 04/29/2021

Activity Location: Bradley Barbin - 52 W. Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43206, Franklin

County

Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On April 29, 2021, at approximately 1120 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agents Jim Mulford (SA Mulford) and Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Security Department (St. Ann's) Security Officer (Ofc. Badge # regarding a fatal shooting incident between Miles Jackson (Jackson) and members of the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Security Department. The incident occurred on April 12, 2021, at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. Also present for the interview was Ofc. attorney, Bradley Barbin. The interview took place at 52 W. Whittier St., Columbus, Ohio, in the offices of Bradley Barbin, Attorney at Law. Prior to beginning the interview, SA Russell provided Ofc. with a BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form. SA Russell advised BCI was conducting a criminal investigation separate from any internal investigation that St. Ann's may be conducting. Ofc. advised his interview was voluntary and that he could stop answering questions at any time. Ofc. verbally confirmed he understood the contents of the form and signed the document further acknowledging his understanding. A copy of the signed Criminal Investigation Notification (CIN) is attached to this report.

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:

Ofc. has been employed by the Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital for about six years and has around 21 years of security experience. During the incident, Ofc. wore his standard security uniform, external ballistic vest, and duty belt containing ASP baton and OC spray. He considered himself to be well-represented as a security officer during the incident. He stated

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he was not under the influence of any substance that would impair his memory or judgment during the incident or during the interview with BCI. He does not wear corrective lenses, has no medical concerns, and was well rested prior to the incident. Officer advised he has had no sustained discipline or use of force complaints and is current in his security/OPOTC certifications.

Ofc. advised he attended the shift change briefing when security officer Stan Miller, advised via radio they needed additional officers at ER #9. Officer responded and on the way, the fire alarm went off and added additional red flags to the situation and whether it was related or not. Upon arriving in the emergency room (ER) area, Officer spoke with Doctor Singhal and she said "he's got a gun." Ofc. could hear Columbus Police Department (CPD) officers yelling commands like "show us your hands." Ofc. advised two (2) or three (3) unknown staff members to get out of the area. He moved behind the nurse's station and saw a black male, later identified as Miles Jackson, in ER #9. Jackson was leaning back on the floor and wall, feet toward the door, and empty left hand raised up. Refusing to show his right hand. gave numerous commands like "raise your other hand." Jackson replied that he was afraid they would shoot him if he did. Officer saw two (2) CPD officers outside of ER entered the hallway stepping behind a female #9, and watched as Security Officer CPD officer, offering cover so she could deploy her taser. Officer heard "Taser, Taser, Taser" and she fired the taser. Officer then saw Jackson's right arm come up with gun in hand, muzzle toward him, and heard a shot. Officer advised he then fired his weapon in a two (2) handed stance, using his weapon's sights at Jackson and stated he had no other option available. Ofc. stated that he was in the ER to protect everyone present, they were in jeopardy, and that he was consistent with his agency's policies and procedures.

Ofc. was unaware of anyone else shooting in the area, but heard someone yell "cease fire." At that point, he holstered and walked to his office, where he stayed until talked to by Westerville Police Department (WPD) officers and his supervision.

Officer stated that while watching television news later, he found out that Miles Jackson was resisting CPD officers, they had used a taser on him, and that Miles Jackson actually shot his gun. He also discovered that there was a CPD officer in ER #9 when he shot, and that other officers were also involved in the shooting.

SA Russell provided Officer with a crime scene sketch created by BCI for him to reference throughout the interview. The sketch illustrated the nurse's/doctor's station, surrounding rooms, and ER #9, of the incident location. That document will be maintained electronically within the case file and is attached to this report."

The interview concluded at approximately 1151hours.

Attachments:

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Criminal Investigation Notification

- 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 <u>not</u> a "Garrity" interview (where you could be required to answer).

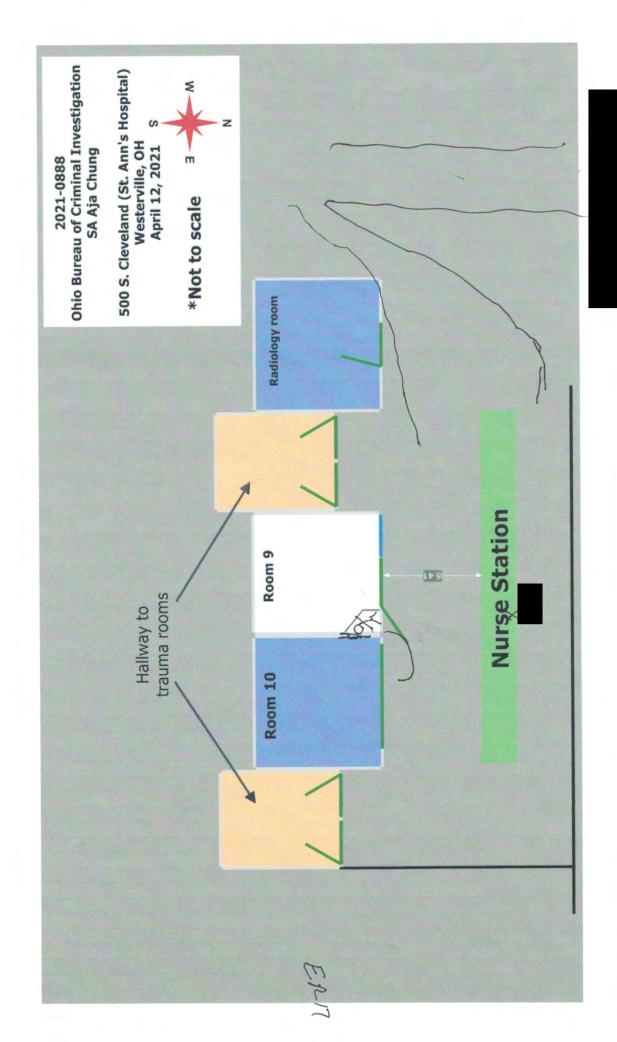
Signature of Interviewee

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