



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



2024-3258

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1273 Rosedale Drive, Dayton,  
OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer

**Involves:** Taylor Coleman Anthony Cotton (S)

**Date of Activity:** 10/24/2024

**Activity Location:** Montgomery County Sheriff's Office–Washington Twp. substation –  
8192 McEwen Road, Dayton, OH 45458

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**Narrative:**

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, the Dayton Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer–Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on the same date on Access Road near Rosedale Drive in the city of Dayton.

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 0826 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Agents Richard Ward met with Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff Connor Blum – Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Washington Twp. Substation (D–15)–8192 McEwen Road, Dayton, Ohio. Accompanying Blum was his Ohio Labor Council representative, Detective Ryan Dalton.

The details below summarize what the author believed to be the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Deputy Blum has been employed with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for one year and has previous experience as a corrections officer and dispatcher. Blum was working an overtime day shift in Harrison Township (Blum's typical shift is midnights Harrison Twp) when he heard the Dayton Police broadcast for a "Signal 99", officer needs assistance. Blum responded from Harrison Twp. to Rosedale, and while in route it was report the suspect [Taylor Cotton] had a shotgun in a vehicle and refused to exit. Blum proceeded to Access Road and Everett, but did not observe any of the incident. Blum assisted with expanding and securing the crime scene. Blum moved to Benton and Princeton where he assisted to block the streets. Blum heard the gunshots and some screaming, which he was told was the family.

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After the gunshots, Blum remained for approximately ten minutes before he cleared the scene. Blum did not proceed to the incident locations.

Agent Ward concluded the audio recorded interview (attached below) with Deputy Connor Blum at 0831 hours.

**References:**

No references.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2024-10-24 / Dep. Connor Blum audio interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**