



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



2025-0559

Officer Involved Critical Incident – [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Autopsy Review
Involves: Jayden Cole Stephenson (S)
Date of Activity: 02/20/2025
Activity Location: Montgomery County Coroner's Office – 361 W Third St, Dayton, OH 45402
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On February 19, 2025, at approximately 1500 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation was requested by Miami Township Assistant Chief of Police James McCarty to conduct an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident that had recently occurred at [REDACTED], Miami Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. Assistant Chief McCarty informed BCI agents that Miami Township police officers were dispatched to the address following an incident in which the involved subject, Jayden Cole Stephenson, had threatened family members with a knife. Upon arrival, police officers encountered Stephenson inside the residence, and during the ensuing interaction, less-lethal intervention was attempted but ultimately unsuccessful. In the final moments of the encounter, Stephenson reportedly charged toward police officers with a knife, prompting two Miami Township police officers to discharge their duty weapons, striking and mortally wounding Stephenson. As part of that investigation, Special Agent (SA) Kenneth Smith attended the post-mortem examination of the decedent.

The examination was conducted on February 20, 2025, at the Montgomery County Coroner's Office in Dayton, Ohio.

The post-mortem examination was conducted by Dr. Bryan Casto.

The autopsy began at 0730 hours and was concluded at approximately 0940 hours.

The following observations were made by SA Smith during the course of the autopsy:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dr. Casto advised SA Smith that there were also [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dr. Casto removed [REDACTED]

Dr. Casto advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SA Smith requested to receive a copy of the full autopsy and toxicology reports once available.

SA Smith made arrangements for CST Ryczek to respond later in the day to retrieve the projectiles and other evidence from the Coroner's Office.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

No attachments.