



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



2024-2738

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 345 Lincoln Ave.,  
Lancaster, OH 43130 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Corrections Officer Morgan Hoy  
**Involves:** C.O. Morgan Hoy  
**Activity Date:** 01/07/2025  
**Activity Location:** 345 Lincoln Ave., Lancaster, OH  
**Authoring Agent:** SA Aja Chung, #86

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, January 07, 2025, at 1259 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA James Gore (SA Gore) interviewed Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Corrections Officer (CO) Morgan Hoy (CO Hoy), who was accompanied by her attorney, Joe Hegedus, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the above-listed activity location and was audio recorded. The audio recording was saved to the case file and is attached to this report.

CO Hoy was identified as being a corrections officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the September 7, 2024 use of force incident which occurred at the Fairfield County Jail (FCJ) involving Chad Evangelista (Evangelista). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by CO Hoy.

CO Hoy advised her badge number was CO 80 and her regular shift hours on September 7, 2024, were 0800 hours to 1600 hours, with Tuesday and Wednesday leave days. CO Hoy indicated that she is scheduled to attend a corrections academy later in the month.

CO Hoy observed Evangelista when he was first lodged at FCJ on September 7, 2024. CO Hoy described Evangelista's behavior as irritated and not comprehending what the officers were telling Evangelista. She further heard Evangelista screaming nonsensical things, repeating his name and saying he (Evangelista) needed "to get out of there." CO Hoy had no other interaction with Evangelista during her shift on that date.

On September 8, 2024, CO Hoy was working D-POD, the female side of FCJ, with the nurse when Corporal (Cpl.) Reeves requested medical/nurse over the portable radio. CO Hoy described Cpl. Reeves' tone of voice as urgent. CO Hoy said she and the nurse stopped what they were doing and made their way towards the booking area. Once in the booking area, CO Hoy took a position at the central area and controlled the doors

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and watched monitors. CO Hoy advised when Cpl. Reeves opened the cell door open, Evangelista appeared to go unconscious. CO Hoy described Evangelista falling to the floor. CO Hoy stated she could not remember if Evangelista was inside the cell, walking out of the cell or outside the cell. Once Evangelista fell, CO Hoy stated she observed Cpl. Reeves' check for Evangelista's pulse. CO Hoy indicated Cpl. Reeves told to her to call dispatch and request a medic respond to FCJ.

CO Hoy did not move from her position at the central desk area, controlling the doors during the time Evangelista was being tended to. Lastly, CO Hoy confirmed she observed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) life saving measures being performed on Evangelista until medics arrived to FCJ.

The interview concluded at 1312 hours.

**References:**

None

**Attachments:**

1 - CO Morgan Hoy interview