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

2022-1782
Officer Involved Critical Incident -3295 Sullivant Avenue, Apt. H, Columbus OH 43204 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	Matthew R. Adams (W)
Date of Activity:	08/30/2022
Activity Location:	Adams, Matthew R. - Home - 3295 Sullivant Ave. Apt. F, Columbus, OH 43204, Franklin County
Author:	SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On August 30, 2022, BCI was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident at 3295 Sullivant Avenue, Apartment H, in Columbus. CPD officers were at the apartment attempting to serve an arrest warrant on the resident of Apartment H, Donovan Lewis (Lewis). During the incident, an officer fired a single shot, striking Lewis. Lewis was transported to the hospital where he died.

At about 0530 hours, during a canvass of other apartments in the building, BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) made contact with Matthew Adams (Adams) in Apartment F. The majority of the interview was recorded and the audio is attached to this report. The following is a summary of the interview. The full audio should be referred to for further details.

SA Fortner asked Adams if he knew his neighbor in Apartment H. Adams said he knew he was a "woman beater." Adams explained that a couple weeks earlier the woman from Apartment H came to their door asking for help. Adams said his mother called the police and Lewis confronted them about getting involved. Adams said Lewis hit his mother and Adams chased after him. He also claimed that Lewis tried to stab him with a kitchen knife.

SA Fortner asked if Adams knew anything about the incident that occurred this evening. Adams said he heard the commotion and heard police identify themselves and giving commands. He said the police were knocking on the door and ordering people to come out with their hands up. He stated that he did not look outside to see what was happening so he didn't really see anything. He said after police knocked and ordered them out for maybe 30 minutes, individuals came out but said there was still someone inside. Adams said he heard the police K-9 then he thought Lewis tried to run and police chased him. He did say he heard, what he thought was a Taser. He did not believe it was a gunshot.

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Adams advised he had nothing more to add and the interview was concluded.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Matthew Adams Interview

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