



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



2023-2059

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Ashland County Sheriff's Office (O)
Activity Date: August 5, 2023
Activity Location: 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Nick Valente #139

Narrative:

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, at approximately 2112 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ashland County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) to conduct an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred at 205 US 250, Polk, Ohio 44866. BCI Special Agent (SA) Nick Valente responded and arrived at ACSO at approximately 2222 hours. Also responding from BCI were SA Matt Armstrong, SA Bill Conn and Special Agent Supervisor Jon Lieber. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident occurred at approximately 1955 hours. The incident involved a subject, Larry Dunham (Dunham), and three deputies with the ACSO. The incident resulted in Dunham being shot and pronounced deceased at the scene.

SA Valente received a collection of records from ACSO Secretary Denise Austin on August 8, 2023 at 1353 hours. Contained in these records was a formal letter requesting BCI investigate this officer-involved shooting. The letter was dated August 6, 2023 and signed by ACSO Chief Deputy David Blake. A copy of the letter was attached to this report.

Attachment:

1. 2023-08-08: Request to Investigate

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Aug 6, 2023,

Greetings,

This is a formal request for BCI to take over an officer involved shooting that occurred in our county on Aug 5, 2023. Our case number is CFS2311993.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chief Dep D Blake".

Chief Deputy David Blake
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