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Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Date of Activity: 10/25/2023

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Narrative:

On October 25, 2023 at approximately 1102 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent David Wieging (SA Wieging) attempted a telephonic interview with David Cooper (Cooper) at [REDACTED]. Cooper was a potential witness of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident which had occurred at 5991 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville, Ohio, 43081.

It was reported that Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) officers were responding to a theft in progress when shots were fired by BTPD at the above-referenced location and an involved party was transported to the hospital with alleged gunshot wounds and later pronounced deceased.

SA Wieging left a voicemail message for Cooper to call SA Wieging back.

Cooper called SA Wieging back at approximately 1427 hours. This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be the most relevant to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information obtained during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

Cooper explained he was inside the Dollar Tree where he works when the incident occurred. Cooper shared he is handicapped and confined to a wheelchair. He said he is a cashier and he did not observe anything that happened outside at the time of the incident. He stated his customers in line to check out stepped outside to see what was going on. Cooper stated he subsequently heard a thud from inside Dollar Tree and opined that was probably when the involved subject's vehicle hit the side of Kroger.

Cooper shared that he stayed inside Dollar Tree until such time there was no one in line at his cash register. He stated he wheeled himself outside for a brief moment and observed officers administering first aid to a person on the ground near the vehicle that struck Kroger.

SA Wieging's call with Cooper ended at 1431 hours. Cooper's return call was not able to be recorded.

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