



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



2022-2016

Officer-Involved Critical Incident - 5611 East Third Street, Mineral City,  
OH, Tuscarawas County, Ohio 44656

Investigative Activity: Officer Interview Report

Involves: Lieutenant [REDACTED]  
Activity Date: 10/19/2022  
Activity Location: Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office  
Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 1153 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy (Goudy) and SA Todd Clark interviewed Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Lieutenant (Lt.) [REDACTED], who was accompanied by his attorney, Tom Hanculak, from the Fraternal Order of Police. The interview took place at the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office. The interview was audio recorded.

Lt. [REDACTED] s badge number and call sign are [REDACTED]. He is currently the road division lieutenant assigned to day shift with weekends off. On the day of the incident, Lt. [REDACTED] was working his assigned shift. Lt. [REDACTED] stated he was wearing his standard Buckeye State Sheriff's Association (BSSA) uniform. When asked if Lt. [REDACTED] was well represented as a law enforcement officer, Lt. [REDACTED] stated that he was.

On the day of the incident, Lt. [REDACTED] heard over the radio that Sgt. [REDACTED] was at a residence for a call pertaining to a temporary protection order. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, as he was listening to the radio traffic, he heard Sgt. [REDACTED] ask for another unit to respond. At this point, Lt. [REDACTED] stated it was unusual for Sgt. [REDACTED] to ask for another unit, due to him being able to handle most situations on his own. Lt. [REDACTED] then stated he responded to that location. As Lt. [REDACTED] was driving to the location, he heard Sgt. [REDACTED] say over the radio that the male is threatening suicide with a knife. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, after he heard that, he decided he would use his less-lethal to end the incident quickly.

When Lt. [REDACTED] arrived on scene, he grabbed his less-lethal shotgun and went over to speak with Sgt. [REDACTED]. While speaking with Sgt. [REDACTED], Lt. [REDACTED] noticed Sgt. [REDACTED] and Deputy [REDACTED] talking with the individual; at which time, Lt. [REDACTED] stated the male appeared to be "up and down." Lt. [REDACTED] stated Sgt. [REDACTED] advised him that there is a fence around the entire backyard. As Lt. [REDACTED] walked around the perimeter of the fence to try and get into the backyard, he noticed a large wood pile. Lt. [REDACTED] told Deputy [REDACTED] that he was to be his [Lt. [REDACTED] lethal cover when they get over the fence and into the backyard.

After Lt. [REDACTED] got into the backyard, he and Dep. [REDACTED] ran toward the house to get closer to the male. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, when they got closer, he and Dep. [REDACTED] took cover behind a "hog

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roaster," which was approximately 15 yards away from where the male was standing. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, as they were moving up to take cover, Sgt. [REDACTED] was still talking to the male to get him to comply; in which, Lt. [REDACTED] stated Sgt. [REDACTED] did an excellent job. Soon after Lt. [REDACTED] and Dep. [REDACTED] took up their position, Lt. [REDACTED] stated he told the male, "Sir, turn around and show me your hands." As the male turned around to look at Lt. [REDACTED] the male then turned to try and get into the residence through the door next to him. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, at this point, he thought it would be a bad situation if the male was able to get into the residence. Lt. [REDACTED] then shot the male with a bean bag round. After the male was struck with the bean bag round, Lt. [REDACTED] stated the male turned toward him and said something to the effect of "Really?"

After Lt. [REDACTED] fired the bean bag round, he noticed Sgt. [REDACTED] through the bushes and heard him yell, "He's got a gun." Immediately after Lt. [REDACTED] fired his bean bag round, he dropped his shotgun, turned and then heard gunfire. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, as soon as the gunfire went off, he then heard the deputies yell, "He's down." When asked if Deputy [REDACTED] fired his weapon, Lt. [REDACTED] stated that he did

When asked if Lt. [REDACTED] saw any weapons on the male, he stated that he did not. He only heard over the radio that the male had a knife and was threatening suicide. Lt. [REDACTED] stated that the reason for firing his less-lethal bean bag round was to keep the male from going inside the house. Lt. [REDACTED] stated, because the female was still inside the house, he was afraid that if the male would have gotten into the house, he would have possibly killed her and himself or possibly barricaded himself inside.

The interview concluded at approximately 1209 hours.

The interview was audio recorded and attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.