



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



2024-3862

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 234 Mansfield Avenue,
Shelby, Ohio 44875, Richland County

Investigative Activity: Witness
Involves: Matthew Hale (W)
Activity Date: 02/06/2025
Activity Location: 2132 Plymouth East Road, Greenwich, Ohio, 44837
Authoring Agent: SA John P. Tingley #154

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 06, 2025, at 1251 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) John Tingley (SA Tingley) and SA Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) interviewed Matthew Hale (Hale), relative to the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Saturday, December 7, 2024. The interview took place at 2132 Plymouth East Road, Greenwich, Ohio, 44837. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

This report only summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance 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 elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions nor is it a word-for-word translation of either the questions or answers. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

SA Tingley asked Hale if he was willing to give a recorded statement and Hale stated yes. SA Tingley then activated the audio recording and asked Hale if he was working at Arby's on the date of the incident. Hale stated that he was working and that Tyler Jacobs (Jacobs) was not scheduled to work but had come into Arby's to see if they needed anything.

SA Tingley then asked Hale to describe the incident. Hale stated that a police officer came into the Arby's and asked him if Jacobs was there. Hale said yes and went back to get Jacobs from the cooler where Jacobs had gone to get an item. Jacobs exited the cooler and then walked up to where the Officer was. Hale was facing the cooler to close the door and when he turned around he saw a knife go flying across the restaurant floor. Jacobs then got shot.

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The officer and Jacobs then "struggled" a little bit and Jacobs went back towards Hale (who was standing at the rear of the restaurant), and the officer shot him. (01:37 mark of the recording)

SA Tingley asked Hale where the knife came from. Hale stated that he did not know but that it was not one of the restaurant knives.

SA Tingley then asked Hale how close the officer and Jacobs were. Hale said that Jacobs had one of his hands behind him getting ready to be handcuffed and that's when the knife came out. (02:15 mark of the recording)

SA Tingley finished by asking Hale if he saw the officer get cut or stabbed. Hale replied "No".

The interview was then concluded at approximately 1254 hours.

It should also be noted that Hale gave a brief written statement to Shelby Police Department Sergeant Nolen on December 7, 2024. In that statement, Hale wrote: "Cop walked in and asked for Tylor (Jacobs). I went to the cooler to get him. And when I turn around I saw Tylor and the cop fighting. The cop pulled his gun and shot. Tylor went to the floor and another cop came in and cuffed him checked for gun shot wounds."

The interview was audio recorded. The recording was uploaded to Evidence.com and is stored in the folder labeled as Reference Item G. The written statement is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

References:

Ref Item G - Stored in Evidence.com - Witness Matthew Hale Interview

Attachments:

1. Witness Hale Written Statement



AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

CASE: _____
DATE: _____ TIME: _____
LOCATION: _____
PAGE# _____ OF _____

Affiant / Witness Matthew J Hale Jr, Address 2132 Plymouth East R. Greer, OH 44637
Date of birth: 06/10/1978, State ID number: [REDACTED], Phone number: [REDACTED]

I hereby make the following statement of my own free will. No promises, threats or coercion of any kind have been used to elicit this statement from me. I understand that by signing this statement / affidavit I am swearing to the truth of the facts stated therein.

Cop walked in and asked for Tylor, I went to the cooler to get him. And when I turn around I saw Tylor and the cop fighting. The cop pulled his gun and shot. Tylor went to the floor and another cop came in and cuffed him checked for gun shot wounds

AFFIANT SIGNATURE: Matthew J Hale Jr

DATE: 12/7/24

SWORN TO SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME BY THE AFFIANT: [Signature]

DATE: 12/7/24

NOTARY PUBLIC / AUTHORIZED PEACE OFFICER / CLERK OF COURT

SWORN OR ACKNOWLEDGED
BEFORE ME PURSUANT TO
R.C. 2985.081 (PEACE OFFICER)

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