



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



2022-1564  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South  
Charleston, OH (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer  
**Involves:** Cole Matthew White (S), Trooper Daniel Saultz (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 09/02/2022  
**Activity Location:** Fayette County Sheriff's Office – 1500 Robinson Road, Washington  
Court House, OH 43160, Fayette County  
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**Narrative:**

On Friday, September 2, 2022 at 1116 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward, Ken Smith and Lauren Frasier met with Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper Daniel "Danny" Saultz at the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, 1500 Robinson Road SE, Washington Court House, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Saultz and members of the OSHP SRT team responded on Sunday, July 24, 2022, to Harmony Estates for the purpose of augmenting other tactical teams related to the shooting death of Deputy Yates and Jodi Arbuckle by Cole White.

Trooper Saultz has been employed with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for 10 years and a member of the Special Response Team (SRT) for over four years. On July 24, 2022, Saultz was contacted by Lieutenant Bryan Mangin, via text message, reference an officer down and the address. Saultz was updated with the facts once he arrived (the same time as trooper and SRT member Alan Clark) on scene and heard shots on his initial deployment. Saultz proceeded to a nearby MRAP at the 2/3 (northeast) corner until he left to retrieve a rifle shield and returned.

At the request of Lt. Mangin, Trooper Saultz retrieved his "Throw-bot" and linked up with Greene County Regional SWAT members in their BearCat to deploy the bot. Once deployed inside the trailer's 4 side (southeast) window, the Throw-bot became stuck inside a closed bedroom. Saultz heard announced over the radio Trooper Graham's unmanned drone was able to capture on video Deputy Yates' position. According to Saultz, the plan was to deploy less lethal munitions/distraction devices, so an entry team could recover Yates.

Trooper Saultz deployed a flashbang in the backyard and a hand held cannister of OC through a bedroom window on the 4 side. Saultz stated Greene County personnel deployed CS gas toward the front of the trailer. Yates was extracted and someone announced to stop the deployment of gas. Saultz and others were informed by Trooper Graham that Yates had gunshot wound(s) to

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the head. Saultz maintained cover from his position on the trailer. Once smoke was observed, Saultz and other personnel created more distance and informed residents to close their doors and go inside. Saultz stated the trailer was consumed by fire.

When he cleared the scene, Saultz did not respond to the high school, but regrouped with other OSHP SRT members at the Springfield OSHP Post.

Agent Ward concluded the interview with Trooper Saultz at 1129 hours. Attached below is the audio recorded interview with Saultz.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-09-02 / Trooper Daniel Saultz audio interview

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**