



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



2023-2234

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2001 E. Livingston St., Celina,
Oh. 45822

Investigative Activity: Document Review
Date of Activity: 10/03/2023
Author: SAS Scott A. Stranahan, #98

Narrative:

During the course of this investigation Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (SA Snyder) received documents from Celina Police Department and the Mercer County Sheriff's Office. The records which were requested included any reports pertaining to the August 25, 2023, Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI), except for any statements made by the involved officers. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Scott Stranahan reviewed the documents and noted the following:

SAS Stranahan first reviewed the reports from the St. Mary's Police Department. The incident report number was listed as 1-23-001300. This report contained their dispatch notes along with supplemental reports from the following officers: Jacob Little, Lance Brunswick and Sergeant Brian Christopher. Each officer provided details of their involvement in this incident as they responded to assist the Celina Police Department. A copy of the St. Mary's Police Department report has been placed in this case file and attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

SAS Stranahan next reviewed a report from the Cold Water Police Department. The incident number was listed as 23CW00570. The report contained their dispatch notes as well as supplemental reports from the following officers: Dan Speckman and Sergeant Kevin Wynn. Each officer provided details of their involvement in this incident as they responded to assist the Celina Police Department. A copy of the Coldwater Police Department report has been placed in this case file and attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Coldwater Police reports
Attachment # 02: St. Mary's Police Reports

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Coldwater Police Department

Incident #: 23CW00570

Reporting Officer: Kevin Wynn 1

Report Time: 08/25/2023 02:19:59

Incident

Incident Nature
Assist Another Unit

Address
EASTVIEW BY THE POND
Celina, Ohio 45822

Occurred From
08/25/2023 02:19:57

Occurred To
08/25/2023 02:19:59

Received By
Elizabeth Johnson

How Received
Telephone

Contact

Disposition
Invest Pending (Active)

Disposition Date
08/25/2023

Cleared

Local Disposition
Active Case

Cleared Date

Clearance Code
Report Required

Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)

- Darrell Etgen
- Patrick Cupp
- Kevin Wynn 1
- Dan Speckman
- Chad Fortkamp

COPY

Circumstances

Code
Dept. Assist Celina PD

Comment

Narratives

Original Narrative

08/25/2023 18:33:36

On 8-25-23 Coldwater Officers assisted Celina Police Department personnel with an investigation at Eastview Park Celina.

**Supplemental
Narrative****08/25/2023 07:43:09 Rebecca Fitzgerald**CAD Call info/comments
=====02:20:24 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
CPD UNITS ADV SHOTS FIRED, SIG9902:20:56 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
WAS A 60 TURNED INTO SHOTS FIRED TAKING OFF02:22:06 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
CPD ADV NEED A SHIELD OUT HERE, SQUAD ON STAND BY02:22:43 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
CPD ADV SQUAD ON STAND BY AT ENTRANCE TO THE PARK02:25:41 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
SQUAD COME BACK IMMEDIATELY, GUN SHOT VICITIM BY THE POND02:29:43 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
5405 WAS NTFY'D02:30:54 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
PD MADE CONTACT W/ THEIR UNIT202:31:06 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns
PD ADV CALL IN ANOTHER SHIFT02:33:36 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns - From: Patrick Cupp
ASKED PD FOR NAME ON SUBJ FOR SQUAD, NO RESPONSE ON RADIO02:36:01 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns - From: Dan Speckman
SITUATION IS CONTAINED03:54:43 08/25/23 - Elizabeth Johns - From: Chad Fortkamp
ENR TO OUR 25, W/ 1/F/21 AND ONE 3404:05:18 08/25/23 - Rebecca Fitzger - From: Chad Fortkamp
AT OUR 2506:57:07 08/25/23 - Rebecca Fitzger - From: Darrell Etgen
HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE SCENE ENR TO 25**Supplemental
Narrative****08/25/2023 18:08:14 Kevin Wynn 1**

On 8-25-23 while on patrol in the Village I overheard distressed radio traffic from Celina Officers that shots had been fired. Celina officers radioed for any available unit to respond. While enroute I heard additional radio traffic to respond to Eastview Park. Ptl Speckman and Myself then arrived on scene to provide assistance. Upon my arrival I observed several Celina marked patrol units in the parking lot by the Huffy pond beach area. Beyond the marked units I observed an SUV with its doors open near the entrance to a walking path. The SUV was stationary just North of the marked units. I observed officers around the SUV.

I exited my patrol cruiser and walked over to Ptl Rice from Celina PD. Ptl Rice was standing at an open drivers side door of one of the marked units. Ptl Rice had an infant child that he removed from the front drivers seat of the marked unit. I then took the child from Ptl Rice. Ptl Rice then went to the SUV while I attempted to calm the child down.

Ptl Rice then returned and I asked him if he was okay. Ptl Rice was grabbing the back side of his head and advised that he had hit his head. Ptl Rice advised that someone had tried to run him over. I then looked at the back of Ptl Rice's head to make sure he was not bleeding. I then stood by with Ptl Rice. While doing so I observed additional officers just off the drivers side door of the SUV. I believed at that time they were providing medical treatment to an occupant of the SUV.

Celina squad then arrived on scene. I directed squad members to the SUV. While doing so I gave the infant child to Sgt Christopher of Saint Marys Pd. I then moved my patrol cruiser so the squad could get closer to the SUV.

I then returned to Ptl Rice. Ptl Rice advised that he had shot a couple of times. I then advised Ptl Rice to just breath. I then had Ptl Rice remove his outer vest carrier so I could check him for any injury's. I then placed Ptl Rice's vest in the rear of his patrol cruiser. Ptl Rice then began to say something else to me. I then had an officer conference with him. I told Ptl Rice to not say anything further about the incident. The conference then ended. While Ptl Rice was placing his gear back on he advised me that his boot about fell off while trying to jump out of the way.

I then stood by and provided any additional assistance I could.

At that time a domestic violence call was dispatched to 812 Pro Drive Celina. It was decided that Deputy Cupp and I would leave the scene and respond to the call.

Ptl Speckman stayed on scene and followed Celina's Squad to Mercer Health.

NOTES NOT COMPLETE

Supplemental Narrative

08/25/2023 22:50:26 Dan Speckman

On stated date and time I was behind Selhorst Concrete when I overheard radio traffic from Sgt. Etgen (MCSO) advising that shots were fired in Celina, Ohio. At this time I switched my radio to scan so that I could hear what Celina Officers were saying over the radio. I heard Celina Officers say that they were at the pond in the park and that they needed more officers to respond. I knew the location of the incident due to the description of the park and the pond (Eastview Park). At this time Sgt. Wynk and I responded to the scene in emergency fashion (lights and sirens).

Upon our arrival to the scene I saw Ptl. Little of the St. Marys Police Department on the opposite side of the fence from the incident. I tried assisting Ptl. Little over the fence but could not get him over. I told Ptl. Little to drive around the block to get to the scene to which he did so.

At this time I saw Celina Officers (Powell and Poppe) by a SUV in front of their patrol vehicles down a paved walking path to which I walked to them to see if they needed assistance. I walked up to the passenger side of the vehicle where Ptl. Poppe was at and could see through the open passenger door that there was a male sitting in the drivers seat not moving. I walked around the vehicle and came up to Ptl. Powell at the drivers side door. It appeared to me that Ptl. Powell was checking the male for a pulse. Ptl. Powell advised that we needed to remove the male from the vehicle at this time so that we could perform medical aid to which we did so. While removing the

male from the vehicle I held the males left shoulder. Once the male was out of the vehicle Ptl. Poppe and Powell began checking the male for injuries and I checked the males shorts for weapons. I did not locate anything on the males person. The male was placed on his side at this time. I found a wound to the males left leg below the knee. I was provided a tourniquet which I placed on the left leg above the wound and wrote the time of 0231 hours on the tourniquet. At this time squad members arrived on scene to which I stepped away from the male to allow squad members to begin providing aid.

When I stepped back I stepped on a rifle that was laying in the grass. I believed the rifle to be Ptl. Powell's rifle to which I picked up the rifle and started to walk back to the Celina patrol vehicle's so that the rifle could be secured. While walking back to the Celina patrol vehicle's I tripped and fell to the ground. Once back by the Celina patrol vehicle's I handed the rifle to Ptl. Powell to which he secured the weapon.

At this time Ptl. Powell requested that I follow the squad to Mercer Health when they leave from the scene. I advised Ptl. Powell that I would do so. I stood by at this time until the squad left the scene. When the squad left I followed them to Mercer Health.

Sgt. Wynk left the scene with Deputy Cupp around this time to handle another incident that had happened in the City of Celina.

Once I arrived at Mercer Health and walked inside the emergency room I turned off my body camera. I stood by while the medical staff provided medical care to the male. The male was later pronounced deceased. I also found that the males name was Corey Andrew at this time.

I received a phone call from Chief Wale of the Celina Police Department while I was in the emergency room. Chief Wale requested I remain with the male subject until a Celina Officer could arrive to which I did so.

I contacted Chief Miller of the Coldwater Police Department and advised him of the situation and asked if I should contact another officer to come in to work for road coverage to which Chief Miller advised that he would come in.

A short time later Detective Taylor of the Celina Police Department and Chief Miller arrived at the emergency room. Sgt. Wynk also arrived at the emergency room soon after. While standing by the trauma room nursing staff advised that the male subjects family had begun to arrive at the hospital. It was decided that Detective Taylor and Sgt. Wynk would speak to family members at this time. Sgt. Wynk used my body camera to speak with the family members due to his body camera battery being depleted.

When Sgt. Wynk and Detective Taylor finished speaking with the family of the deceased male they advised me that Sgt. Wynk and I were to return to the scene in Celina to provide a statement to a BCI&I agent. A short time later Sgt. Wynk and I returned to the scene in Celina.

I spoke with Scott Stanahan (BCI&I Special Agent) about my involvement during this incident. Note: During this interview Scott's audio recording device battery was depleted.

Once I finished giving my statement to Scott I left the scene and returned to the Village of Coldwater.

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**Supplemental
Narrative**

08/25/2023 22:58:13 Kevin Wynk 1

After clearing from the domestic violence incident in Celina I went to the Hospital to see if Ptl Speckman needed any assistance. Upon my arrival I began speaking with Detective Taylor of Celina Pd, Chief Miller and Ptl Speckman. I was advised that the family of the subject had just arrived to the Hospital. I was advised that BCI & I was going to be handling the investigation. I was then asked to assist medical staff and Detective Taylor with the death notification. Medical staff, Detective Taylor and I then met with the subjects family. They were notified that the subject was deceased. We answered some questions that the family but advised them we did not know many details and could not answer everything due to the ongoing investigation. We did advise them that BCI & I was going to be handling the investigation and an autopsy would be done. They then left the the Hospital.

Supplemental Narrative

08/25/2023 22:58:29 Kevin Wynk 1

Sgt Fueling then contacted me advising that BCI & I wanted to speak with every officer that was at the scene of the incident. Ptl Speckman and I then returned to the scene while Detective Taylor and Chief Miller stayed at the Hospital with the subject.

Upon our arrival back to the scene I began speaking with BCI & I supervisor Scott Stranahan. I provided Scott with a statement of my recollection of what I had observed on scene. At that time I advised Scott that I was approaching a twenty hour shift and it was getting hard to recall details of the incident. I advised Scott that I would complete a report on the incident and provide him with all of the video recordings Ptl Speckman and I had on the incident.

I then cleared the scene.

Supplemental Narrative

08/25/2023 22:58:41 Kevin Wynk 1

After clearing from the domestic violence call I responded to Mercer Health. Upon my arrival I spoke with Ptl Speckman and Det Taylor from Celina Pd. Shortly after the family of the subject arrived at the Hospital. Detective Taylor, medical personnel and myself then spoke with the subjects family in the lobby of the ER. Medical staff notified the family that the subject had passed away. Detective Taylor, the medical staff and I answered questions from the family as best we could but advised them that we did not have any details about the incident at that moment. We advised them that an autopsy would be done and that BCI & I would be handling the investigation. We then left the family after they had no further questions for us.

Supplemental Narrative

08/26/2023 01:02:03 Kevin Wynk 1

After going home I returned to work my regular shift 8-23-25. Since providing my statement to Scott I began remembering more specific details about this incident. I also reviewed this incident in its entirety and completed this report. I then called Scott and advised him that after reviewing everything, I remembered additional things in regards to this incident that I had not discussed with him. Scott advised that was fine and he would speak with me at a later date.

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Incident / Offense Report
1-23-001300

Print Date/Time:
9/11/2023 08:26

EVENT INFORMATION

Report No.: 1-23-001300 Local Report No: Report Date/Time: 8/25/2023 02:25
Type: PD01.40 Code 10 - Assist Other Unit/Dept Event Date/Time: 8/25/2023 02:25 To: 8/25/2023 02:25
Comment: Assisted Celina PD With Officer Involved Shooting
Disposition: Cleared

EVENT LOCATION

220 Bacher Rd Location Type: Park/ Playground
CELINA, OH 45882 County: Auglaize
Intersection: Map / Ref:
Beat / District: Outside Auglaize County Zone / Area: City Parks

ADMINISTRATION

Reporting Officer: Little, Jacob
Entered By: Little, Jacob
Approved By: Christopher, Brian

DISPATCH INFORMATION

Call Number: 230000006571 Call Type: Officer Initiated
Received Time: 02:25 End Time: 00:00 Elapsed Time: 1294

DISPATCHED UNIT(S)

Unit Number: Dispatched: Enroute: On Scene Cleared: Elapsed:

PERSON INFORMATION

DEC No.: 1 ANDREW, COREY CHRISTOPHER
702 Red Oak RD , St. Marys, OH 45885
SSN: ***** Date of Birth: 2/04/1999 Age: 24 YRS Date of Emancipation: / /
D.L. No.: ***** State: ** Exp. Date: 2/04/2020 Phone: 567-279-8540
Place of Birth: Country:
Gender: M Height: 6' 5" Weight: 350 To 350 Hair: BRO Eyes BLU
Race: Ethnicity:
Residential Status: Resident Marital Status:
Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstance: Statement Obtained:

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Narrative Type: Cad Dispatch Narrative

Topic: TRANSFERRED FROM CAD

Narrative Officer: Brock, Miranda D-7

Narrative Date/Time: 8/25/2023 02:25

0219 F U-21 T Other units, Shots fired in Celina

0219 F U-23 I'm near 33/66... U-5 do you want me to head that way?

0220 F U=5 Right, I'm 33/66 as well, by Kroger

0220 F U-21 I've got them on the scanner, I'll see if I can hear where it's at, MCSO is heading there now

0223 F U-21 I'm pulling into Celina if you want to call the MCSO and see what their 39 is, and if they can maybe provide a landmark or business that may make it easier to navigate there

0223 TX T MCSO, who advised they are going to be at Eastview Park, unable to provide much more information, just that it's off of Bachar Rd. Advised that there will be a squad on scene, and that Celina PD is going radio silent at this time. T U-21

0225 F U-23 Sig53

0226 F U-5 are any of you guys on scene yet?... affirm... do you know what's going on?

0226 F U-21 I'm still trying to cross the fence to get over here

0227 F U-21 It appears to be a male, 52... 1 male appears to be code 16

0228 F U-5 was it 58?

0228 F U-21 I'm not sure... there's a 34 in the car as well

0236 F U-23 Sig7 KAW6519 (Hannah Pawelski)

0243 F U-5 I'm going to be en route back to the City, the other two units are going to standby

0248 F U-5 I'm back in the City, 35

0257 F U-21 Both units are 35, en route back to the city. Start a 47 for Code 10

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Narrative Type: Incident Report
Narrative Officer: Little, Jacob U-21

Topic: Assist
Narrative Date/Time: 8/25/2023 03:23

On August 25, 2023 the St Marys Police Department assisted the Celina Police Department.

Ptl J Little

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Narrative Type: Supplement
Narrative Officer: Little, Jacob U-21

Topic: CPD Assist
Narrative Date/Time: 8/25/2023 03:24

On August 25, 2023, at approximately 0219 hours, while on patrol in St. Marys, in Patrol Unit 103, I overheard radio traffic on my in car scanner from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office in reference to shots being fired in the City of Celina. I also heard Sgt. Etgen of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office confirm that he did hear the Celina Police Department's radio traffic, and was en route. At this time, I did advise the St. Marys Police Department, Sgt. Christopher, and Ptl. Brunswick of the apparent shooting. Sgt. Christopher, Ptl. Brunswick, and I then proceeded to the City of Celina to assist in any way. It should be noted that at this point, it was unsure whether any officers and/or suspects were hit, or if the shooting had ended. The on-duty dispatcher was able to make contact with the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and was able to provide a location of the shooting as Eastview Park, located at 220 Bacher Road in the City of Celina.

Once on scene, I was the first to arrive, and was followed shortly after by Sgt. Christopher and Ptl. Brunswick. I first observed three Celina Police Department cruisers, in a horizontal line, with their emergency lights activated. I also observed a 2005 Chevy station wagon, silver in color, bearing Ohio Registrattion KAW6519 parked on what appeared to be a bike path in front of the three Celina Police Department cruisers. Upon exiting my patrol unit, I could hear what I believe to be a female crying, as well as an infant crying. All of the doors on the station wagon were open, and I observed that a male subject sitting in the driver's seat was slumped over, while officers were tending to him. At this time, Deputies from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Coldwater Police Department arrived on scene to assist.

After repositioning my patrol unit, the Celina Fire Department did arrive on scene, and pulled in behind the station wagon. The Celina Police Department officers on scene were Ptl. A.J. Poppe, Ptl. Dave Powell, and Ptl. Justin Rice. Ptl. Rice did walk back to the rear of his patrol unit, while Sgt. Wynk of the Coldwater Police Department, and I checked over her person for any injuries. I was then requested by Ptl. Powell to put up crime scene tape, around the outskirts of the crime scene. Once the male subject was removed front he vehicle, I did assist officers, as well as Fire personnel with putting the stretcher in the ambulance. After the Celina Fire Department left the scene, and proceeded to the Coldwater hospital (followed by Ptl. Speckman of the Coldwater Police Department) I finished putting up crime scene tape.

A short time later, it was decided by Sgt. Christopher that he would return to the City of St. Marys, however Ptl. Brunswick and I could remain on scene and assist the Celina Police Department with anything that they needed.

A short while later, Sgt. Fuelling of the Celina Police Department arrived on scene, as well as Chief Wale, and Assistant Chief Harting.

Ptl. Brunswick and I were advised by Ptl. Poppe that BCI would be handling this incident, and we were no longer needed. Ptl. Brunswick and I then proceeded back to the City of St. Marys for patrol.

This concludes my involvement with this case. See Sgt Christopher and Ptl. Brunswick's narratives for further.

All body worn camera, as well as dash camera, will be preserved as evidence.

Ptl. Jacob P.Little

JPL:mkb

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Narrative Type: Supplement
Narrative Officer: Brunswick, Lance U-23

Topic: Assist Celina PD
Narrative Date/Time: 8/25/2023 03:55

On Friday, August 25, 2023, at approximately 0219 hours, I (Ptl. Brunswick) was on routine patrol in marked Patrol Car 104. At approximately this time, I did hear very static radio traffic from my in car scanner that sounded elevated, and at approximately this time, Ptl. Little did advise that he did overhear on his scanner that there were shots fired in Celina. At approximately this time, I did radio Sgt. Christopher, advising him that I was near the interstate interchange, and asking him if he wanted me to head in that direction, to which he advised me that he did. It should be noted that at this time, it was unknown if the subject was deceased. Upon traveling westbound on State Route 29 near Haveman Road, the on-duty dispatcher did advise that it was going to be the Eastview Park, and that they did not have much more information. South of the park, to which I proceeded around his location and responded to the Eastview Park. It should be noted that the scene was a dimly light park, and where the suspect vehicle was it was darker due to being away from the park lights and a larger sized tree blocking the park lights. It was located down a walking path away from the parking lot.

Upon arriving on scene, I did observe a Sgt. with the City of Celina, holding an infant in his arms that was crying very loudly and obviously distraught. I walked toward the suspect vehicle, with it being apparent that it was the suspect's vehicle, due to the numerous amount of police cars pointing that direction, being a semi secluded spot without any other cars (other than police cruisers), and multiple Celina police officers around the vehicle. The vehicle could be described as a silver Chevy SW bearing Ohio registration KIW6519.

Once at the passenger side of the vehicle, a patrolman with the City of Celina advised me that they need to get the driver out of the vehicle, to which I then proceeded to the driver's side driver door. It should be noted that I did locate a white male of a larger stature, with fresh blood on the floor board, and that the male was unresponsive. It should be noted that upon looking inside the vehicle while he was still inside, I did appear that the blood was still bright red, and not dried or coagulated. I did return to my patrol car, Patrol Car 104, to obtain additional gloves, and upon returning, the male was laying with his feet facing the driver door, and head facing an 8 o'clock position (if the hood would be the 12, and the rear would be the 6 o'clock).

The male was laying on his right side, with a Celina officer holding a location near his left rear shoulder blade. At approximately this time, a Coldwater police officer, Sgt. Wynk, advised that he was possibly shot in the leg, and I asked if he was bleeding, he did state that he was. I then pulled my tourniquet off my duty belt, and handed it to Sgt. Wynk to apply it to the suspect's leg. Another Celina police officer did arrive, where he did hand me an Israeli bandage wrap. I then asked him to pull out the combat gauze he had in his kit, to which he advised that the emergency squad was on scene. I then instructed the officer near his feet to turn the black winch on the tourniquet until he couldn't anymore, and put it into the designated area for when it was applied. When it was applied, I had him write the time on the tourniquet.

Once the squad arrived on scene, they did replace the Israeli bandage with a sucking chest seal. At this time, I then assisted paramedics and other officers in lifting the male onto the cot, and then transporting him into the squad due to the males large stature. I then performed a vehicle sweep by looking in the driver door, and then opened the driver side rear door, and upon looking in the back seat, and then the trunk, to which I verified that there was nobody inside the vehicle or anything that would cause an imminant threat to officers. It should be noted that I did observe apparent gunshot holes in the rear driver's side window. I then conducted a quick area sweep around the vehicle, and located a black first aid bag under the bench that was located to the north of the vehicle, to which I did not touch or move. I then assisted Ptl. Little in placing crime scene tape around the scene. After a short time, after Sgt. Christopher cleared, an Officer from Celina PD advised Ptl. Little and I that BCI was en route to conduct the investigation, and that we were good to clear the scene. After nothing further was needed, we then returned to the City, and resumed patrol.

See Sgt. Christopher's and Ptl. Little's narratives for further.

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The audio and video of Patrol Car 104, as well as my body worn camera will be preserved as evidence.

Ptl. Lance A. Brunswick

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Narrative Type: Supplement

Topic: Assisted Celina PD

Narrative Officer: Christopher, Brian U-5

Narrative Date/Time: 8/25/2023 04:32

On August 25, 2023, at approximately 0219 hours, I was on routine patrol in marked Patrol Car 101 near St. Marys Chrysler-Plymouth. At this time I overheard radio traffic from Ptl. Little stating he had heard over the scanner that shots were fired in Celina. I advised units to be enroute toward the City of Celina to assist.

Ptl. Little, Ptl. Brunswick, and I all responded to the City of Celina. While we were enroute, we were able to obtain an address of the incident, with it being 220 Bacher Road, Celina, Ohio. This was Eastview Park, which is located directly west of Walmart Supercenter.

As I approached from ST RT 29, I could see several marked cruisers with their overhead emergency lights activated in Eastview Park. I also observed an SUV with its doors open. I made my way around, and joined all the other cruisers, where Ptl. Little and Ptl. Brunswick were at.

As I walked up to the scene, I noticed Sgt. Wynn of Coldwater Police Department holding an infant child. I was trying to get details on exactly what happened, and while doing so, I overheard officers state that a medic was enroute. There were several patrol cars in the way, and one of them was Sgt. Wynn's patrol car. At this time, I asked Sgt. Wynn if I could hold the child while he moved his patrol car for the medic. I took control of the child (female), and was able to keep the child safe until she was later handed back over to the mother. I noticed that there was a male laying on the ground outside of the SUV, which I assumed to be the subject that had been shot by officers. Ptl. Brunswick and Ptl. Little assisted with medical care until the medics arrived.

After I passed the child off to the mother, I explained to Ptl. Little that he could standby and assist with securing the scene until officers from Celina PD no longer needed them. At this time, I got back into my patrol car and returned to the City of St. Marys on routine patrol. My body cam footage, and video from Patrol Car 101.

Sgt. Brian J. Christopher

BJC:mkb
