



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



2024-3649

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6880 Sunset Strip Ave
NW, Room #220, North Canton, Ohio, 44720

Investigative Activity: Witness Officer Interview
Involves: Detective Jeff Aynes (W)
Activity Date: 11/18/2024
Activity Location: 6880 Sunset Strip Ave NW, North Canton, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Jesse Bynum

Narrative:

On Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1542 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) interviewed Jackson Township Police Department (JTPD) Detective Jeff Aynes (Aynes). The interview took place at 6880 Sunset Strip Ave NW, North Canton, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Detective Aynes was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the November 18, 2024, officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 6880 Sunset Strip Avenue NW, North Canton, Ohio. Reportedly, Detective Aynes did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information about the incident known or observed by this officer.

Detective Aynes stated that he was requested to assist the US Marshal Service with a warrant at the Rodeway Inn Room 220, as he was a negotiator with JTPD. Detective Aynes attempted to make contact with the occupant of room 220 by yelling and also having the hotel manager connect him via the room phone. No contact was made, so Detective Aynes had dispatch attempt to call a cell phone again with no answer.

Detective Aynes observed that pepper balls were being used in the room and no acknowledgment was made from inside. Then the SWAT team was activated, and they brought a drone. Once the drone was able to enter the room, there were shots from within the room and the drone was shot. Those shots were observed exiting the side wall of the room / building. Additional pepper balls were fired into the room, and then Detective Aynes said a sniper was shot in the arm and transported via ambulance to the hospital.

Two additional armored vehicles arrived and a throw bot was used in order to make contact with the subject. During this time, there were shots coming out from inside the room and officers shooting into the room. Once officers were able to determine that

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the subject had been shot, they entered the room and found that the subject was deceased.

The interview concluded at approximately 1550 hours.

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

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-11-18 1542 Interview Aynes

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