



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



2022-2608
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Shane Daubenmire (W)
Date of Activity: 11/17/2022
Activity Location: Ross County Sheriff's Office – Business – 28 North Paint Street,
Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County
Author: SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On Thursday, October 17, 2022, the Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) requested the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to respond to the Law Enforcement Complex (28 North Paint St.) to investigate an Officer-Involved Shooting involving RCSO Sergeant Eric Kocheran (Sgt. Kocheran) and an involved party, Nicholas Mitchell (Mitchell). During interaction between Sgt. Kocheran and Mitchell, both discharged a firearm. Both were injured and transported to the local hospital. Mitchell died of his injuries, while Sgt. Kocheran was transported to Grant in stable condition.

BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) interviewed Chillicothe Police Department (CPD) Officer Shane Daubenmire (Ofc. Daubenmire) at the Law Enforcement Complex at 2114 hours. Also present was his union representative per his request. The building houses both RCSO and CPD. The interview was recorded and uploaded to the case file. The audio recording was attached to this report and should be referred to for any further details. The following is a summary of the interview.

Ofc. Daubenmire advised he was on routine patrol when dispatch called all units to return to the station because a deputy had been shot. Ofc. Daubenmire said he responded lights and sirens and arrived at the Law Enforcement Complex fairly quickly. As he arrived he heard on the radio that the subject involved was down in the back lot. Ofc. Daubenmire said he proceeded to that area and found the subject on the ground outside the backdoor with RCSO Sergeant Jason Gallagher (Sgt. Gallagher) holding him at gunpoint. He said he could see Sgt. Kocheran on the ground inside the backdoor and personnel were administering him aid.

Ofc. Daubenmire stated he and Sgt. Gallagher approached the subject and placed him in handcuffs. Ofc. Daubenmire said he noticed a semi-automatic handgun on the ground near the subject so he went and stood over it to safeguard the weapon. He said other officers

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attempted to provide medical aid to the unresponsive subject. Medics arrived and transported the subject to the hospital. Ofc. Daubenmire said he stayed with the weapon to safeguard it until he was relieved by a supervisor.

Ofc. Daubenmire stated his body camera was on but the battery died at some point during the incident. The interview concluded at 2125 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Ofc Daubenmire Interview