

HOMICIDE UNIT SYNOPSIS REPORT

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FIT #22-01
Homicide 22-10

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Felonious Assault on P.O. On Duty x2 / Police Intervention-Foreign Agency/Shooting/ Abated by Death

DATE OF THIS REPORT: Thursday, January 27, 2022

RMS # 2022-024387

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: Thursday, January 27, 2022

TIME: Approx. 1125 hours

LOCATION: 1940 West 96th Street Apartment 2

DISTRICT: 1

WARD: 15

ZONE: 1-6

INVOLVED OFFICER #1: Deputy Bailiff Kenyon Jones, B/M/32, DOB 11-30-1989 **AD:** 09-24-16

ASSIGNMENT: Cleveland Housing Court

INJURIES: None Reported

FORCE USED: Fired weapon

WEAPON: Glock, Model 17, Serial #BAGR489.

EQUIPMENT: Handcuff, Radio, and 2 Magazines.

INVOLVED OFFICER #2: Deputy Bailiff Paul Marks, W/M/55, DOB 12-30-1966 **AD:** 12-11-12

ASSIGNMENT: Cleveland Housing Court

INJURIES: Soreness in left arm/shoulder area.

FORCE USED: None reported

WEAPON: Glock, Model 17, Serial #BAGR485

EQUIPMENT: Handcuffs, Radio, OC Spray, Pocket Knife, and Magazines.

SUSPECT: Zachery Edwards, B/M/36, DOB/11-23-1985 (Abated by Death)

INJURIES: GSW to head. Pronounced at MHMC by Dr. Koning @ 1214 hours.

WEAPON: Wood club like object.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: Per Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts – None.

NOTIFICATION: Zachery Edwards-Father 3262 East 146th Street, Cleveland, OH PH#216-294-8050

VICTIM: William Shepherd, W/M/49, DOB/05-15-1972

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

VICTIM'S INJURIES: Bruising on left arm/shoulder

SYNOPSIS:

- On Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1125 hours, First District Officers responded to 1940 West 96th Street Apartment 2 for a male victim of GSW.
- Upon arrival, officers observed EMS Medic 24 tending to ZACHERY EDWARDS, who had a GSW to his head.
- Officers were briefed by Chief Hall, the Chief Bailiff from the Cleveland Housing Court. Chief Hall advised the Officers that two of her Bailiffs were attacked by ZACHERY EDWARDS with a baseball bat and one of the Bailiffs shot EDWARDS.
- Medic 24 transported EDWARDS to MHMC.
- A full FIT call up was initiated and members of the FIT responded to both the scene and hospital.
- Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs, CPPA, and Crime Scene responded.
- Several interviews were conducted on scene by members of the FIT Team.
- Bailiff Jones' firearm was confiscated by members of the FIT team.
- Preliminary investigation reveals that Deputy Bailiff Jones and Deputy Bailiff Marks were attempting to perform a Cleveland Housing Court ordered Eviction at 1940 West 96th Street Apartment 2, where ZACHERY EDWARDS was ordered to be evicted.
- The Bailiffs had keys to the unit and attempted to enter the apartment. ZACHERY EDWARDS refused to come out of his apartment and would lock the door every time the Bailiffs unlocked it.
- The Bailiffs were assisted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD, a maintenance person who works at this location.
- SHEPHERD removed the lock to the apartment and ZACHERY EDWARDS came out of his apartment swinging a wood club like object.
- WILLIAM SHEPHERD was struck by the object several times. The Bailiffs were able to get SHEPHERD to safety away from EDWARDS.
- EDWARDS began to strike Bailiff Marks with this wood object. Bailiff Marks was struck on his arm and shoulder area.
- As EDWARDS was actively attacking Bailiff Marks, Bailiff Jones fired one round from his issued firearm striking EDWARDS in the head.
- Dr. Koning pronounced EDWARDS deceased at 1214 hours.
- ZACHARY EDWARDS Father, ZACHARY EDWARDS was notified of his son's death. Condolences were offered to him. A TLRT Referral will be made.
- Chief Drummond and other Command Staff members were briefed on the incident.