

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



2022-2813 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 673 Slate Hollow Ct, Powell, OH 43065 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness

Involves: Dep. Tyler Conmay (W)

Date of Activity: 12/12/2022

Activity Location: Delaware County Sheriff's Office Substation – 151 East Orange

Road, Lewis Center, OH 43035, Delaware County

Author: SA James H Gore, #168

Narrative:

On the evening of December 12, 2022 at approximately 2311 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) James Gore interviewed Delaware County Deputy Tyler Conmay (badge #133) at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) substation in Lewis Center. Dep. Conmay was identified as a witness to a Officer-Involved Critical Incident which took place earlier the same evening at 673 Slate Hollow Court, Powell, OH 43065.

Dep. Conmay stated that he has been employed with the sheriff's office since February, 2022. His normal work schedule is 2 PM to 10 PM with Fridays and Saturdays off. Dep. Conmay reported that on the evening in question, he was assigned to patrol District 4, which covered Berkshire and Genoa Townships.

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Dep. Conmay said he was dropping off paperwork at the main Sheriff's Office facility in Delaware City when he heard the dispatch call over the radio. He recalled it being something to the effect of a woman on the phone who reportedly said, "Send deputies now," before hanging up. Dispatchers further relayed, according to Dep. Conmay, that a male was armed inside the residence.

Dep. Conmay said he left the sheriff's office and traveled down U.S. 23 with his lights and sirens activated. He recalled hearing additional radio traffic which indicated that a male subject had a weapon on his hip, and after the first deputy arrived on scene, the male subject reportedly grew agitated. From what Dep. Conmay gathered from the radio traffic, deputies were successful at getting family members out of the residence.

Dep. Conmay reported that as he arrived at the location and exited his patrol vehicle, he heard

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approximately 2 or 3 gunshots. Dep. Conmay estimated that he parked approximately 300-400 feet away from the residence. Dep. Conmay advised that Deputies Gaunt, Ambrozich, and Cline were already on scene when he arrived.

As he approached the scene, Dep. Conmay explained, he saw Dep. Cline outside with a distraught female (Kelly Hinton), whom he presumed was the original caller. Dep. Conmay said he and Dep. Cline worked to get the woman away from the scene, considering that shots had just been fired. Conmay said the woman was placed into a vehicle in the driveway with her children, and the vehicle drove away from the scene. According to Dep. Conmay, an older male (Michael Hinton) drove the vehicle.

Dep. Conmay said he approached the front door of the residence where he picked up one of two ballistic shields that were positioned nearby. He said he then told Dep. Cline that he was going to retrieve his patrol rifle from his vehicle in preparation to make entry to the residence. As he returned to the door, deputies inside the residence (Gaunt and Ambrozich) reportedly requested that Dep. Conmay retrieve his medical aid bag from his vehicle. Dep. Conmay said as he went back out, Dep. Jenkins was arriving on scene; Dep. Jenkins provided the medic bag from his vehicle, and then Dep. Cline retrieved another larger medic bag from his vehicle.

Dep. Conmay explained that Dep. Ambrozich and Dep. Gaunt were attempting to render aid to the male subject (Sean Hinton) on the floor. He said they were positioned between the living room and the kitchen, and the male appeared to have a gunshot wound to his head. Dep. Conmay said he observed pooling of blood on the floor and on the first step of a stairwell which led to the basement. Dep. Conmay recalled seeing a rifle positioned on a chair in the living room, and he also recalled seeing body armor and 6 rifle magazines near the subject's body.

Dep. Conmay stated that he and Dep. Cline stepped around the subject's body to descend the stairwell into the basement to clear the rest of the dwelling. After clearing the basement, he and Dep. Cline cleared the bedrooms on the second story of the residence. Dep. Conmay said after he assisted with clearing the residence, he went outside and assisted with securing the area with crime scene tape.

Dep. Conmay said he learned that Dep. Gaunt fired his weapon. Dep. Conmay said he did not hear Dep. Gaunt make any statements about what transpired, and to his knowledge, no one other than the male subject (Sean Hinton) sustained any injuries. Dep. Conmay did not interview any parties regarding the incident.

An audio copy of Dep. Conmay's interview was attached to this report for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-1212-23-13-03 Dep. Tyler Conmay Interview - SA Gore

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