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

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Officer Involved Critical Incident -3295 Sullivant Avenue, Apt. H, Columbus OH 43204 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Officer
Involves:	Ofc. Harry Dorsey (W)
Date of Activity:	08/30/2022
Activity Location:	Scene - 3295 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, OH 43204, Franklin County
Author:	SA Todd Fortner, #93

Narrative:

On August 30, 2022, BCI was requested by the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident at 3295 Sullivant Avenue, Apartment H, in Columbus. CPD officers were at the apartment attempting to serve an arrest warrant on the resident of apartment H, Donovan Lewis (Lewis). During the incident, an officer fired a single shot, striking Lewis. Lewis was transported to the hospital where he died.

At 0654 hours, Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner), interviewed CPD Officer Harry Dorsey (Ofc. Dorsey) in his bureau issued vehicle. Also present for the interview was Fraternal Order of Police Attorney, Nicole Wannemacher. Following is a summary of the interview. The interview was audio recorded and the recording attached to this report. The audio should be referred to for further details.

Ofc. Dorsey stated he was partnered with Sergeant Chance Knox (Sgt. Knox) and they planned to serve a domestic violence warrant, issued about two weeks prior, on Lewis. When they attempted to verify the warrant, he said they learned there was also a felony weapons offense warrant for Lewis. Ofc. Dorsey said there was confusion about the apartment number but they verified that the warrant had apartment H. He stated they called for two additional officers and Officer Justin Dodrill (Ofc. Dodrill) and Officer Jack Randall (Ofc. Randall) arrived to assist.

Ofc. Dorsey advised that Ofc. Dodrill went around the building to cover the rear and the other officers went to apartment H. He stated that Sgt. Knox knocked on the door and they announced themselves several times. Ofc. Dorsey advised they could hear movement and male voices inside. Ofc. Dorsey called the domestic violence victim at the number listed on the report but she advised she didn't live there anymore. Then, two males came to the door and were detained. He said one of the two subjects stated there was somebody else sleeping in the back. Ofc. Dorsey said he called for a K-9 unit to assist with the search.

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Ofc. Dorsey advised K-9 Officer Ricky Anderson (Ofc. Anderson) arrived to assist and the dog was sent in to search the apartment. Ofc. Dorsey said he called for Ofc. Dodrill to come around and join them at the apartment. He said they continued to hear movement and the dog barking. Ofc. Dorsey said he was outside the apartment, watching the detained individuals, when he heard commands being given and then he heard a gunshot.

Ofc. Dorsey advised his immediate response was to run to the back of the apartment to ensure no one was escaping but then realized it was not possible for anyone to get out of the back. He said he returned to the apartment, called for a medic, then went to help provide aid to the subject who had been shot. Ofc. Dorsey said the decision was made to move the subject, Lewis, outside to provide better aid. He said they carried Lewis out to a grassy area and began providing aid, placing a chest seal on the wound on his abdomen. Ofc. Dorsey recalled that they were monitoring Lewis' breathing and noticed his pulse was weak so they began chest compressions. He said medics arrived and transported Lewis to the hospital.

SA Fortner asked Ofc. Dorsey if he could see the officers open the door or see inside the bedroom. He stated from his vantage point he could see them open the door but could not see inside the bedroom. SA Fortner asked how much time elapsed for the moment he saw the officers open the door until he heard the gunshot. Ofc. Dorsey said it was, "Pretty quick."

The interview was concluded at 0707 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Ofc Harry Dorsey

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