



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



2022-1354  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 135 Old National Rd, Lore City  
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**Investigative Activity:** Telephone Interview  
**Involves:** Trooper Kaden Miller (O)  
**Date of Activity:** 07/12/2022  
**Author:** SA James Poole

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 1430 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) Trooper Kaden Miller (Trooper Miller). The interview took place over the phone. Trooper Miller was identified as being a police officer who spoke to the, now deceased, Joy Graham (Graham) over the phone who had barricaded herself in her vehicle. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

This interview was audio recorded, and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview.

Prior to the interview SA Poole advised Trooper Miller that BCI was conducting a criminal investigation separate from any internal investigation and that this interview was voluntary. Trooper Miller verbally confirmed he understood and acknowledged he would like to continue with the interview.

Trooper Miller stated on June 24, 2022, he was working 2pm–10pm that day in cruiser 709. It was getting to the end of his shift and a pursuit rang out over the radio. Instead of assisting, Trooper Miller clarified he was sent to a two-vehicle crash. While dealing with the crash he was radioed by dispatch that a female involved in the pursuit, now barricaded in her vehicle, wanted to speak to him. Trooper Miller asked who it was, dispatched stated Graham. Trooper Miller explained that Graham is his cousin, but doesn't know her very well, just from family holidays.

Dispatch patched over Graham's phone call over to Trooper Miller's radio. Trooper Miller stated it was hard to talk to Graham due to him using his radio and not a normal phone. Trooper Miller said he couldn't get any words out because Graham was talking "100 miles per hour." He said she kept saying she didn't have a warrant and didn't know what the officers were talking about. Trooper Miller acknowledged she had a gun and was trying to negotiate with her to drop it and listen to the police, but Graham wouldn't listen. Trooper Miller stated Graham said she had a

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gun, but she was legally allowed to have it. Trooper Miller explained that Graham started to become suspicious of him and started asking questions to include what was her son's names and what was the name of his other cousins. Trooper Miller stated Graham told him she had called a tow truck company to pick her up and she could go home, but he explained that wasn't possible and she needed to listen to the officers. Trooper Miller said the conversation ended with no conclusion before Guernsey County initiated contact with their Strategic Response Team (SRT).

SA Poole asked if Graham had any mental or drug abuse problems. Trooper Miller said no drug problems that he was aware of, but that Graham was acting very irrational on Facebook lately. Trooper Miller explained Graham would go on Facebook rants about claiming she was raped by her mother in the past and would get lost in her words. Trooper Miller also explained how there was an incident recently when Graham's parents were on vacation and she showed up to their house throwing a fit not knowing where they were even though her parents told Graham that they were on vacation, but she didn't believe them. Trooper Miller clarified she also showed up to their cousin's house when they were gone and just sat in her vehicle in their driveway for several hours not moving. Trooper Miller stated that Graham got her Doctorates degree in Psychology and didn't understand where this kind of behavior came from because she didn't always act like this.

SA Poole asked Trooper Miller if he heard the gunshots over the phone. Trooper Miller stated, "No," he was off the phone with Graham before the incident occurred.

SA Poole asked if Graham ever threatened to use the weapon during the incident. Trooper Miller stated, "No."

The interview ended at 1446 hours

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2022-07-12: Trooper Kaden Miller Interview