



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



2023-0290
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson,
OH 45640 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Lt. ██████ (S)
Date of Activity: 02/08/2023
Activity Location: Jackson County Sheriff's Office – Business – 350 Portsmouth
Street, Suite 102, Jackson, OH 45640, Jackson County
Author: SA Craig Call

Narrative:

On January 31, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Investigations and Crime Scene Units were requested by Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) Sheriff Ted Frazier to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (shooting) between members of the JCSO and William Beach (involved individual). BCI was informed the incident occurred at 1818 Jisco West Road in Jackson County, Ohio, and resulted in Beach being fatally shot by JCSO Lieutenant ██████ (Lt. ██████).

BCI Special Agent Craig Call (SA Call), Special Agent Jim Mulford (SA Mulford), and Special Agent Jimmy Poole (SA Poole) responded to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) to make contact with JCSO deputies in reference to obtaining witness statements. Upon our arrival, we initially met with Sheriff Frazier and were informed the deputies involved did not wish to make a formal witness statement without speaking with legal counsel first.

Agents met with JCSO Lt. ██████, Sgt. Jason Wilson, Deputy Nicholas Spangler, and Deputy Leif Smith in a conference room at JCSO in order to obtain their contact information and contact information for their attorneys. Lt. ██████ was identified as the sole involved officer that fired his weapon and his Attorney Keith Washburn was present with him. Sgt. Wilson, Deputy Spangler, and Deputy Smith indicated they would all be represented by Attorney Michael Moore and provided me with his contact information.

On February 3, 2023, SA Call spoke on the phone with Attorney Keith Washburn and was informed Lt. ██████ would be providing a written statement about his involvement in the incident and nothing further.

On February 8, 2023, SA Call and SA Mulford briefly met with Lt. ██████ at JCSO and were provided a written witness statement signed by Lt. ██████. Lt. ██████ instructed agents to contact his attorney

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if further follow up was needed.

SA Call has thoroughly reviewed Lt. ██████'s signed witness statement in its entirety and it has been added to the case file.

In reference to the events just prior to shooting and the shooting itself, Lt. ██████ wrote, "Deputy Smith used the ram to breach the door. When the door swung open, I placed myself and the shield between the stack and William to provide cover for us to back out to a safer location.

William Beach was in the residence near the eastern wall, and I saw him raise a pistol and point it at me. I began giving William verbal commands in an attempt to get him to exit the house peacefully. William then charged forward quickly moving toward me. I had no place to retreat and I feared that I was about to be killed. I believed that William was about to shoot me and I fired one shot aiming center mass of his person. I saw William stumble backwards losing grip on the pistol. I then kicked the door further open and entered the residence. I holstered my pistol after seeing his pistol had fallen clear from his reach."

Please review the attached signed witness statement for Lt. ██████'s full account of the event.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Lt ██████ Statement

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I am Lieutenant [REDACTED] I have been employed with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office since 05/15/2015. I completed the Ohio Police Officer Basic Training Academy which I started in August 25, 2014 and finished on March 25, 2015. I received this training at the Buckeye Hills Police Academy (Academy #BAS14072).

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has its own firearms training simulator for training. I went through several of these scenarios set up by the simulator on October 2, 2022. I have received several use of force trainings during my career. The certificates for the said training are provided in the employee file kept at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. I have completed all the necessary training to remain a certified Deputy Sheriff. I have no discipline in my file, other than a write-up for being late in 2016.

I am currently assigned to the Detective Division as a Lieutenant. My work schedule varies as needed due to the nature of investigations. My primary schedule is 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. My uniform of the day consists of Green "Tactical"

pants, a black shirt, black jacket, and a black external body armor carrier. The external vest carrier has a Sheriff star badge on the left breast along with the word "SHERIFF" on the back of the vest. I carry my department issued Taser, body Camera, two Glock spare magazines (17 rounds of 9mm Hornady Critical Duty ammunition in each), radio, and radio microphone. I was wearing this uniform on January 31, 2023.

On January 30, 2023, I went to bed at approximately 10:00PM and was well rested when I started my shift on January 31, 2023. I did not use alcohol nor any prescription/illicit drugs prior to this shooting. I am prescribed eyeglasses, which I was wearing during this incident. I was in good physical shape (No illness) when this incident occurred.

On January 31, 2023 I started my work at approximately 9:00 A.M. I was investigating the theft of a firearm when I heard via radio that Deputy Smith and Sergeant Wilson had a male hiding from them after being dispatched to a trespassing complaint. At approximately 11:00 A.M. Deputy Reynolds and I traveled to 1818 Jisco West Road to assist. Upon our arrival Deputy Smith and Sergeant Wilson advised that they had spoken to Herb McQuire, a local Bail Bondsman, who handles most of the ankle monitors used in Jackson County. They

learned the suspect William Beach had an ankle monitor on his leg for pre-trial home confinement. The GPS data put William Beach at the scene of the trespassing (1734 Jisco West Road).

Deputy Smith and Sergeant Wilson advised that they spoke to Jackson County Municipal Court Chief Probation Officer Wesley Skaggs. They advised that Chief Probation Officer Skaggs advised that he would travel to the 1818 Jisco West Road address. It was established by the ankle monitor giving GPS data that William Beach was at the location (1818 Jisco West Rd.) the prior evening. The statements of two people living in the next-door residence confirmed that they had allowed William Beach to stay in the building.

Chief Probation Officer Skaggs and Deputy Chief Probation Officer Edwards arrived on scene. Chief Probation Officer Skaggs, Deputy Smith, and I approached the front door of the building and knocked several times and announced our presence as Sheriff's Deputies. We could hear the individual moving around, but he refused to come to the door. Chief Probation Officer Skaggs advised that he had the male on probation and that it was confirmed to be a first party residence, meaning Beach was a resident. We asked the property owner if he could provide a key for the building. He advised that

there was no key and that he just slips the lock to go in with a pocket knife.

When we attempted to open the door, I realized the door was being held from the inside. The window next to the door was unlocked. I opened the window to see what was holding the door. I then observed a man standing behind the door holding what appeared to be an axe over his head. I advised the officers on scene to not attempt entry because of the location of the suspect and that he was clearing holding a weapon. Chief Probation Officer Skaggs advised that he seen the suspect through the window holding a handgun. I advised everyone on scene to use what cover was available. I then advised the Deputies to evacuate the next-door neighbors.

I advised Dispatch to notify Chief Deputy Scott Conley to advise him that the suspect had barricaded himself inside the residence. When Chief Conley arrived on scene, I advised him of the situation and Deputy Reynolds was sent to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to obtain a Search Warrant for the residence in case we needed to force entry into the residence. Several attempts at communication were attempted including negotiations between the suspect and Trooper S. Wells, Jackson District Ohio Highway Patrol.

William advised several times that he wished to die and kept saying: "Just kill me." William refused to come out of the residence. At one point he placed a pill bottle on the window seal of the building and advised that he had taken several pills. The suspect at times would throw items out the window at officers on scene.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch radioed letting the Officer know that William Beach was presently in the court process for Assault on a Peace Officer. At approximately 1:30 P.M. Deputy Reynolds arrived back on scene with the Search Warrant for the residence. Several attempts were made to establish communications with Beach, but he refused to exit the residence. Deputy Smith and I took a phone to the window of the residence that was still open. I carried the shield to provide cover for Deputy Smith. Deputy Smith placed the cell phone through the window and then backed out to cover. Several attempts were made to convince William to pick up the phone.

Deputy Smith, Chief Probation Officer Skaggs and I attempted to make contact with William through the window on the west side of the cabin. As we approached, I used the ballistic shield to provide cover and approached the window. I opened the western window but was unable to make contact with William. William continued to refuse to

have a conversation. William was asked several times to pick up the phone and he refused. William was asked by Tpr. Wells if he had a gun inside the residence and he stated that he did have a gun.

It was decided that we would breach the door and back out to let William have time to decide if he would come out of the residence peacefully. I was in the front of the stack with Deputy Smith second, Deputy Spangler third, and Deputy Wilson was fourth. As we approached the residence, I used the shield to provide cover for Deputy Smith. Deputy Smith used the ram to breach the door. When the door swung open, I placed myself and the shield between the stack and William to provide cover for us to back out to a safer location. William Beach was in the residence near the eastern wall, and I saw him raise a pistol and point it at me. I began giving William verbal commands in an attempt to get him to exit the house peacefully. William then charged forward quickly moving toward me. I had no place to retreat and I feared that I was about to be killed. I believed that William was about to shoot me and I fired one shot aiming center mass of his person. I saw William stumble backwards losing his grip on the pistol. I then kicked the door further open and entered the residence. I holstered my pistol after seeing his pistol had fallen clear from his reach.

William remained combative and had something else in his other hand. I then deployed my taser. One of the prongs missed and was only making partial contact. William continued to kick at me. I was able to pin his lags down. That is when I noticed that the round had made contact due to the blood I saw on his hand. William would not speak to us.

Deputy Smith and I began to administer first aid to William, who was still fighting with us. Deputy Smith and I used EMS shears to remove his shirt. I held gauze on the wound while Deputy Smith was trying to get Combat Gauze to stop the bleeding. The Jackson County EMS had been staged at the intersection of Callahan Road and Jisco West Rd. Jackson EMS 9-1 arrived on scene and began administering first aid. EMS 9-1 transported William to Holzer Medical Center – Jackson.

When William was taken from the scene I provided my firearm (Glock 17) and two extra mags to Chief Deputy Scott Conley. I then traveled to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to await BCI. When BCI arrived, I spoke with BCI Agent Shawn Rowley and he photographed me and took possession of my taser.

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