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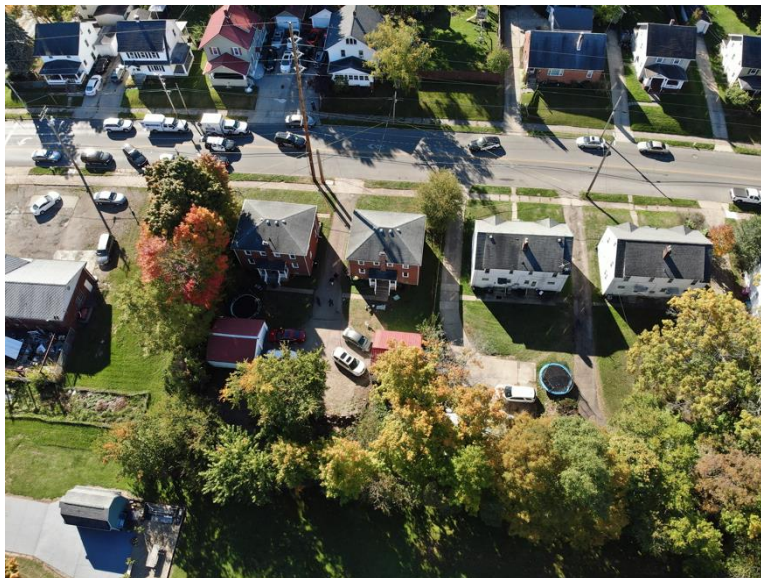
Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Investigative Activity: Records Received and Reviewed; Mansfield Police
Department Incident Report and Photographs
Involves: Mansfield Police Department (O)
Activity Date: 11/21/2024
Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286
Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 21, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (SA Harasimchuk) reviewed documents that had previously been received from Mansfield Police Department (MPD) and the Richland County Sheriff's Office (RCSO). The records which were requested included any reports and photographs pertaining to the October 19, 2024, officer-involved critical incident, except for any statements made by the involved officers. SA Harasimchuk reviewed the documents and photographs and noted the following:

SA Harasimchuk received nine drone photographs that were reportedly taken by the Mansfield Police Department. The drone photographs were added as an attachment to this report.



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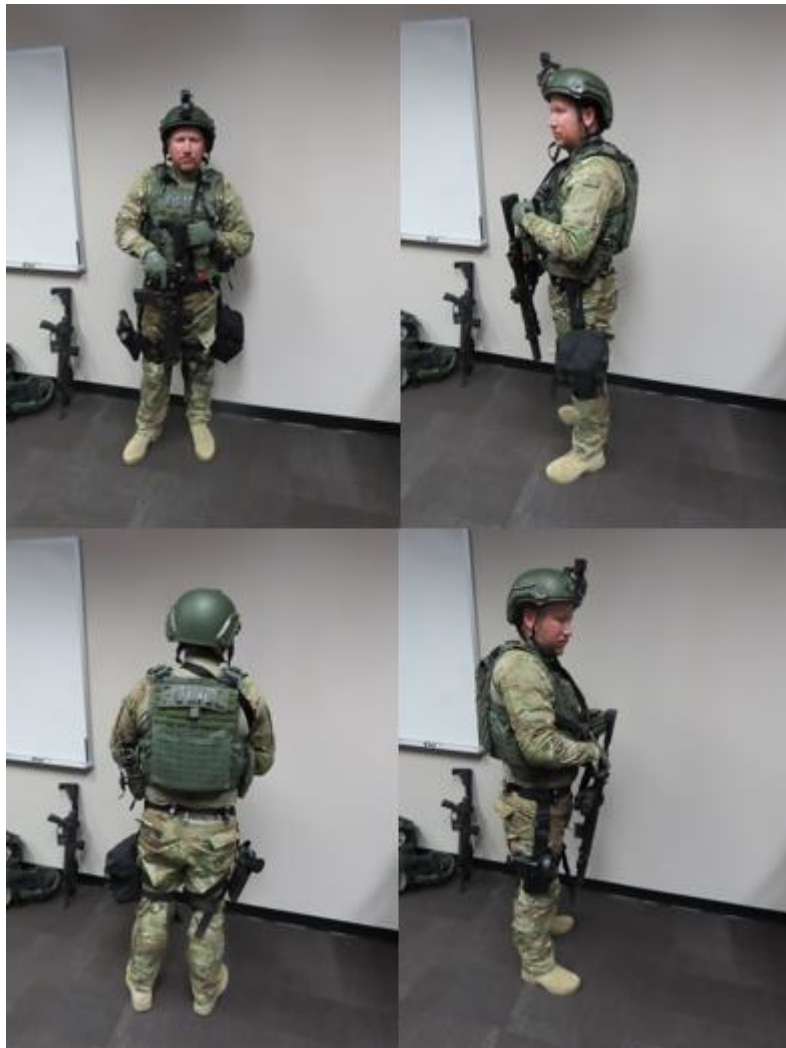
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SA Harasimchuk received six photographs that were reportedly taken by the MPD of Officer Paul Webb after the officer-involved critical incident. The photographs of Officer Paul Webb were added as an attachment to this report.



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SA Harasimchuk received seven photographs that were reportedly taken by the MPD of Sergeant Joseph Gladden after the officer-involved critical incident. The photographs of Sergeant Joseph Gladden were added as an attachment to this report.



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SA Harasimchuk received nine photographs that were reportedly taken by the MPD of Sergeant Michael Haines after the officer-involved critical incident. The photographs of Sergeant Michael Haines were added as an attachment to this report.



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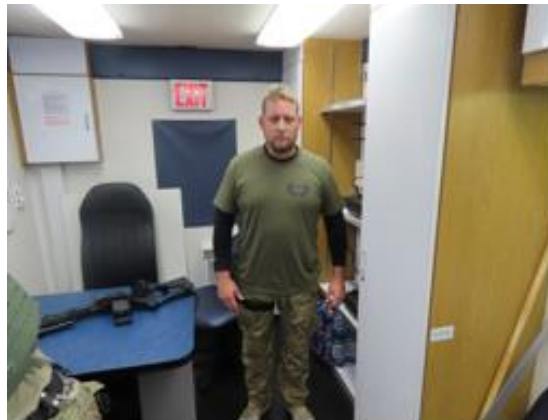
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SA Harasimchuk received two photographs that were reportedly taken by the MPD of Sergeant Shane Gess after the officer-involved critical incident. The photographs of Sergeant Shane Gess were added as an attachment to this report.



The report for RCSO incident # 2024-00014493 was attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Mansfield Police Department Drone Images #1-9
2. Mansfield Police Department Photo - Officer Paul Webb #1-6
3. Mansfield Police Department Photo - Sergeant Joseph Gladden #1-7
4. Mansfield Police Department Photo - Sergeant Michael Haines #1-9
5. Mansfield Police Department Photo - Sergeant Shane Gess #1-2
6. 2024-10-19 Richland County Sheriff's Office Incident Report #2024-00014493

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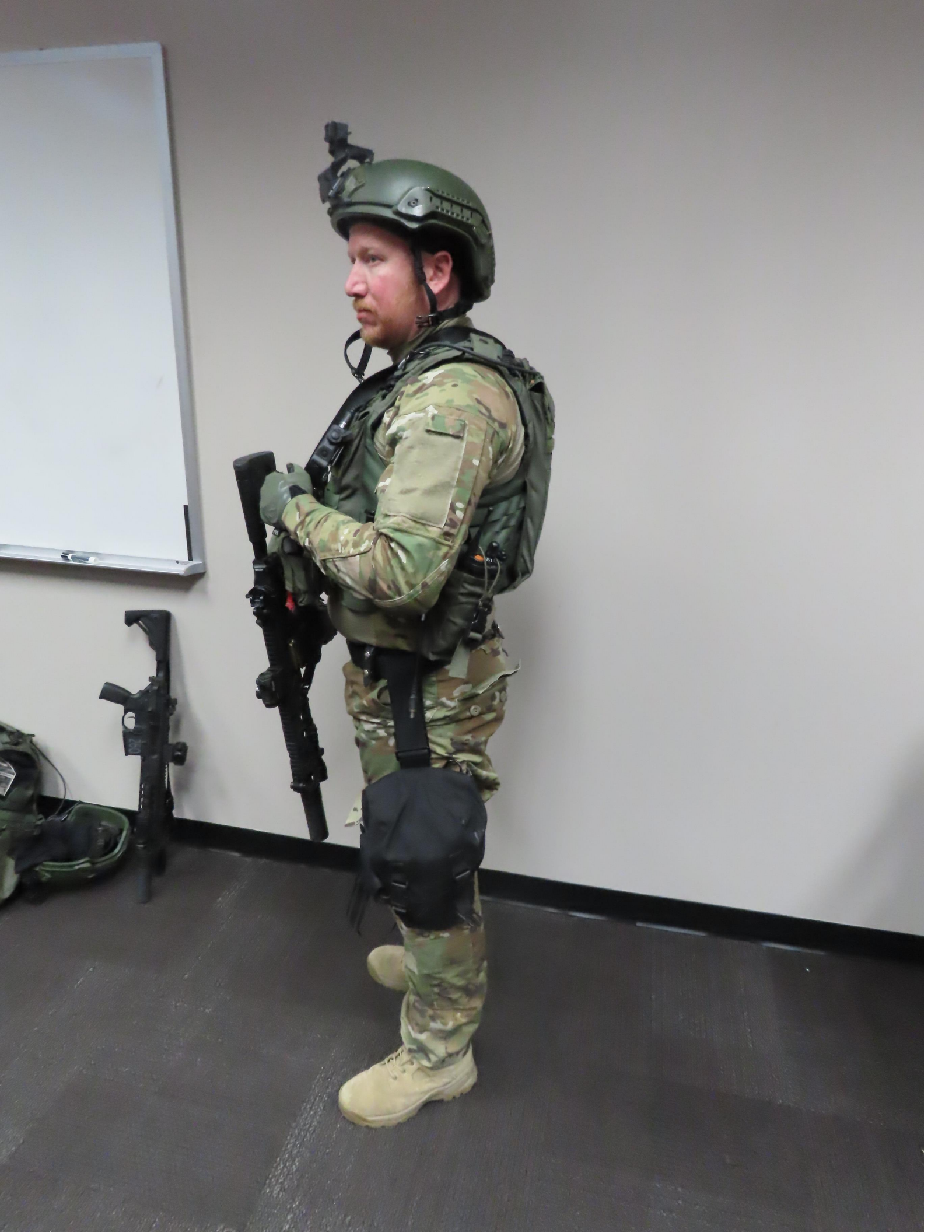




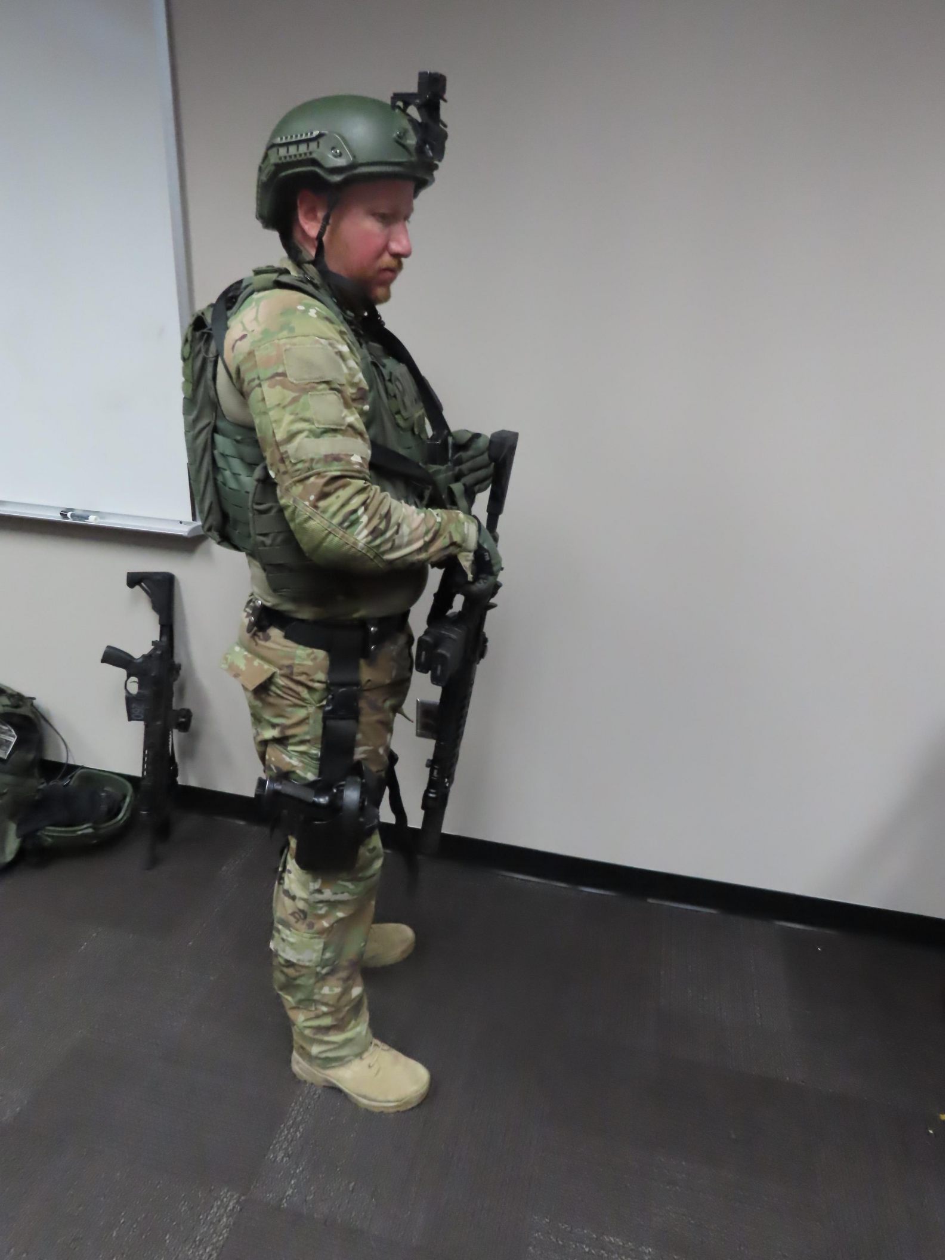








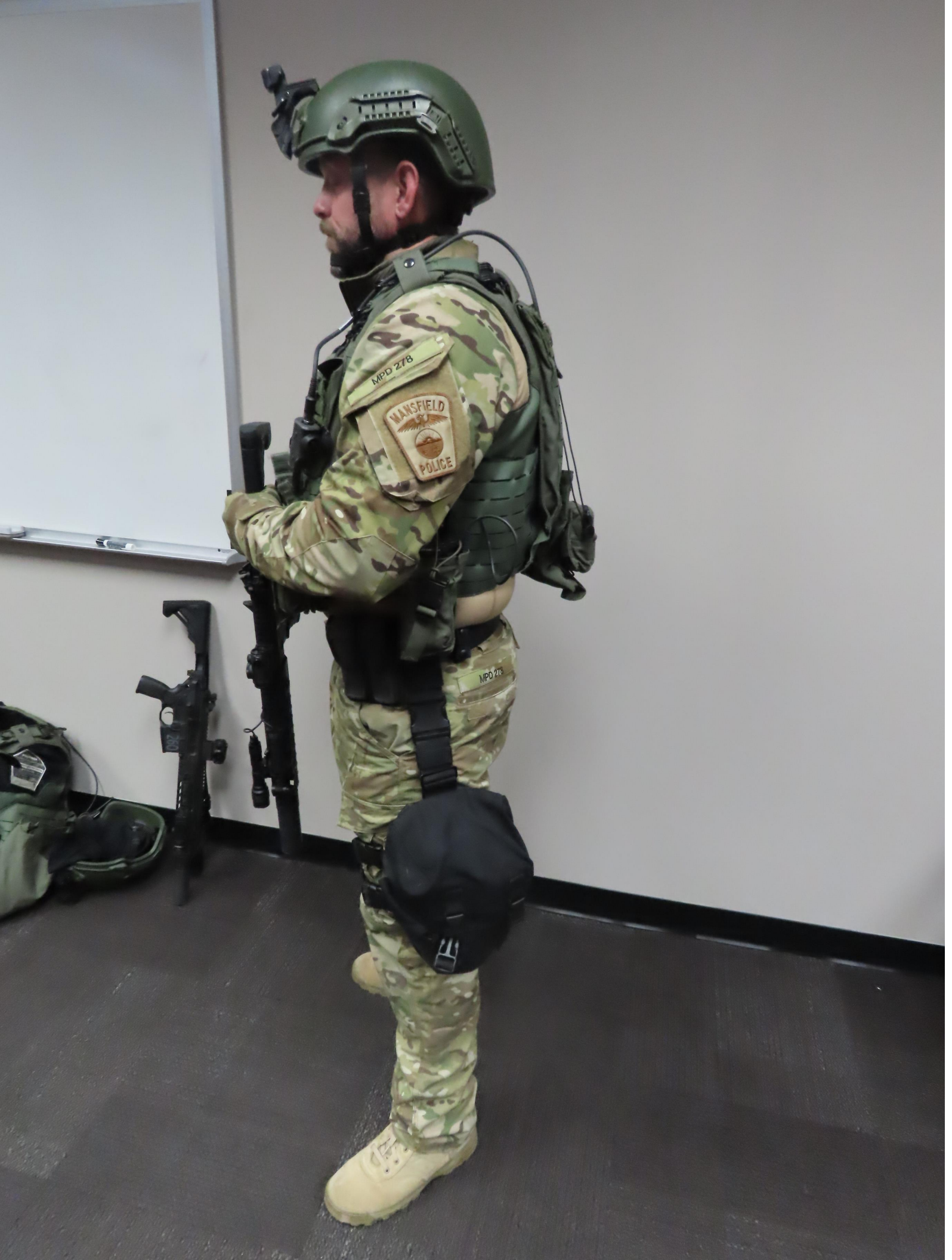










































Case Report

Detail

Agency: Richland County Sheriff's Office
Agency #: OH0700000

Print Date/Time: 10/25/2024 10:32

General Information

Case Number:	2024-00014493	Reporting Officer:	10181 - SKEEN, BURT	Reported Date/Time:	10/19/2024 03:07
Location Formatted:	200 Cline Ave, Mansfield, OH 44907	Location Common Name:		County:	Richland
Status:	Closed	Status Date:	10/19/2024	Disposition:	
Disposition Date:		Occurred Incident Type:	Domestic Incident	Occurred From Date/Time:	10/19/2024 02:51
Occurred To Date/Time:	10/19/2024 02:51	Scene Processed By:		Significant Event:	
Campus Code:		Exceptional Clearance:	Closed	Exceptional Clearance Date:	10/19/2024

Assigned Personnel

Solvability Factors

Solvability Factor:	Total Solvability Factor:
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Modus Operandi

Offenses

#	Statute Group	Group Agency	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Offense Date
1	Local	OH0700000	9999 - Local non-reportable	Assist Other Agency	Assist Other Agency	10/19/2024

Subjects

Number	Type	Name	Address	Contact Information	Race	Sex	DOB
1	Suspect	OSWALT, MICHAEL SHANE	200 Cline Ave, Mansfield, OH 44907		White	Male	06/03/1983
2	Involved Other	BROOKS, ERIN LEEANN	200 Cline Ave, Mansfield, OH 44907		White	Female	11/28/1982

Properties

#	Date	Type	Property Loss Type	Description	Name	Subject Role
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Vehicles

Contributing Officers

Officer:	10181 - SKEEN, BURT	Supervisor:	7532 - HENDERSON, BRADLEY	Report Date/Time:	10/19/2024 07:52
Report Type:	Primary	Approving User:	MILDRED HOFFMAN		
Officer:	10181 - SKEEN, BURT	Supervisor:	1771 - EICHINGER, RICHARD	Report Date/Time:	10/21/2024 14:40
Report Type:	Supplement	Approving User:	MILDRED HOFFMAN		
Officer:	7532 - HENDERSON, BRADLEY	Supervisor:	7532 - HENDERSON, BRADLEY	Report Date/Time:	10/23/2024 05:21
Report Type:	Supplement	Approving User:	MILDRED HOFFMAN		

Evidence



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Status History			
Case Status:	In Field	Status Date:	10/19/2024
Date/Time Changed:	10/19/2024 07:07	Changed By:	System

Case Status:	Closed	Status Date:	10/19/2024
Date/Time Changed:	10/21/2024 07:35	Changed By:	MILDRED HOFFMAN

Disposition History		
Supplemental Information		
Action Taken:	Reasons For No Arrest:	Purge Type:
Purge Date:	Purge Review Date:	Non-Fatal Shooting:

Associated Arrest Records			
Summary Narrative			
Report Narratives			
Name: Narrative	Author: 10181 - SKEEN, BURT	Supervisor: 7532 - HENDERSON, BRADLEY	Date Created: 10/19/2024 07:07

Description:

The HNT Team was called to an incident at 200 Cline Ave in Mansfield, OH. The team responded to the location for assistance.

Name: Narrative	Author: 7532 - HENDERSON, BRADLEY	Supervisor: 7532 - HENDERSON, BRADLEY	Date Created: 10/19/2024 07:45
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Description:

HNT/CNT negotiators were called to the listed location in reference to an emergency call out for the use of the SWAT team and HNT/CNT Team.

Upon my arrival Patrol units from Mansfield Police and Richland County Sheriff's Office were on scene and a perimeter had been set up. Deputy Skeen was the primary negotiator at the rear of the residence with Patrol Officers. I went and assisted Deputy Skeen at the rear of the residence to assist with attempting to negotiate with the offender.

The offender was not responsive to the talking with us. The offender would make statements about "sucking his dick" and that he knew tactics, he had a knife and that officers would have to kill him, he was a repeat violent offender and he was going to prison for life and he was not going to give up. The offender would use "SIRI" to play a anti police rap song "Fuck the Police", "Bad Boys" from the COPS, and another rap song called "Fuck It".



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It was learned and confirmed that the involved other and her two minor children were in the residence. The stairway to the upstairs had furniture(shelving units and other items) thrown at the bottom of the staircase to hinder any movement to the upstairs were the offender, involved other and children were at.

The offender was given cigarettes on two occasions during this incident. The offender was given positive encouragement that the incident could be ended safely for everyone. The offender continued to with the statements that he would not cooperate. Throughout the course of the incident made statements that this incident would play out in two ways. One of the ways the offender stated that officers would have to shoot him and kill him, by them coming into the house and coming up after him. The second option was that he would come down and stab officers and that vests are not knife proof and he was a butcher and knew where to cut and to get between ribs to kill and where to stab and cut. The other statements made by offender were that he was wearing ear plugs so flash bang grenades would not bother him too much and TASER usage would not work because he was wearing padding.

Again negotiators attempted to tell the offender that this could end safely for everyone if he would give up. Negotiators made numerous attempts to get the offender to let the children go. The offender denied this action.

During one exchange for cigarettes the offender made threats to stab the involved other and the children if she talked to officers and I was able to get communication from the involved other that she was not free to leave and take her children. Earlier she had been able to be downstairs and walking around but the kids were upstairs.

A bullhorn was utilized to override the music the offender was playing and to attempt to get him to communicate with negotiations. The offender's reaction to this was he said he would let the children go. The offender would not listen to the instructions as the safest plan was to have the children exit to the rear, the offender wanted them to exit to the front of the residence. I went to the front and when the door opened a minor female child about 6 to 8 exited and she was told to come to me and a medic took her and then a minor male child exited about the same age exited



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and the front door slammed. I took the minor child to a neighbors residence with the other child and conducted a brief interview about weapons seen and any other things they would say were unusual. I was advised that besides the items at the bottom of the stairs the offender had tied a rope to the doors as a make shift "booby trap" to hinder advancement if officers went up the stairs.

I went back to my spot with Deputy Skeen and SWAT team members at the rear of the residence. Negotians continued with more negative results and limited contact from the offender.

A while later there was some noise and banging sounds like running or falling coming from upstairs or on the stairs to the upstairs. The involved other came around the corner from the stairway and through the kitchen to the rear of the residence where we were at. Deputy Skeen grabbed the involved other and was able to get her away from the residence. I was preparing to replace Deputy Skeen in negotiations but the offender followed behind the involved other by about 15 seconds and came around the corner from the stairway wearing a t-shirt and shorts. The offender was holding a knife in his left hand. The offender's arms were up at about shoulder height with his elbows bent. The offender walked towards SWAT team members not following commands to stop or drop the knife. There were multiple commands given to the offender. The offender was a clear and lethal threat to officers and did what he stated he would do. If the offender would have reached officers he would or could have caused serious physical harm or even death to one or even a second officer before that threat could have been stopped. The offender was stopped by utilizing deadly force.

First aid was provided to the offender once the threat was stopped and he was handcuffed. The offender was transported to the E.R. by Mansfield fire and EMS.

There is nothing further at this time.

Name: Narrative

Author: 10181 - SKEEN, BURT

Supervisor: 1771 - EICHINGER,
RICHARD

Date Created: 10/19/2024 08:33

Description:

I received a HNT call out message at 0251 hours to respond to 200 Cline Ave. Upon my arrival the Mansfield Police Department had the roadway closed at the front of the residence. I was advised the situation was OF #1 had been using drugs, and was barricading himself, his girlfriend (IO #1), and (2) two children in the upstairs of the home. The original call was for a noise complaint.

Login Id [REDACTED]



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The residence was a (2) two story duplex, with the units being divided left, and right. Each unit had a basement, first, and second floor. The exterior of the residence was finished in brick. There were multiple other residences close by.

I was the first unit to arrive to the scene from the HNT team. I was advised officers using a shield were speaking through the rear door. I donned my vest, and ballistic helmet. I then went to the rear of the residence. Once there I observed officers with an open back door attempting to de-escalate the call.

I took over attempting to start a dialog with OF #1. I had already been advised that the original officers at the scene had tried to call him on the phone, and he shut it off. I had contacts with OF #1 earlier in my career at the Bellville Police Department, and tried to use this to build rapport. When I told OF #1 who I was he said "Fuck you Skeen & suck my dick." From time to time you could hear OF #1, and IO #1 talking to each other in the upstairs of the home. I was advised by officers OF #1 had thrown things from the upstairs to block the stairway. I made many repeated attempts to start a dialog with OF #1, but had minimal success. He would only reply with "Suck my dick or Fuck you!"

At one point OF #1 demanded cigarettes. Arrangements were made multiple times to get a few cigarettes delivered. The main focus of all officers on the scene was to get the children out of the home. I made this request using several tactics to include asking politely, demanding it, and playing on his ego that a decent person would let the children leave. At one point OF #1 demanded a whole pack of cigarettes, or he would either stab IO #1, or one of the children. Each time cigarettes were exchanged IO #1 was sent to the kitchen area to retrieve them from officers. I believe cigarettes were exchanged a total of (3) three times.

OF #1 told officers he was a HVO. One of the SWAT Team members knew what this was from prior employment in the prison system. I learned HVO stands for habitually violent offender. OF #1 stated since he was a HVO that he would go to prison for life, or for a very long time. He also thought law enforcement was called due to people not minding their business. He then mentioned something about "Aunt Kimmie." In the context I believed he thought she had called the police on him.

OF #1 was using his voice to control a Siri enable speaker to play different music. Some of the songs he played were "Fuck the Police", the theme from COPS, and a song called "Fuck it!" I also heard him tell Siri to send a message to his mother. He stated this was the last message she was going to get from him, and it was not her fault. Officers attempted to interrupt him to change his thought process while he was doing this.

At one point OF #1 went on a rant about how police were going to have to kill him. He spoke of qualified immunity for officers, and how he was not crazy, or sick. He next went into great detail about previously being a butcher, and how good he was with a knife. He even described how he knew our vests would not stop a knife. He boasted about being able to stab between ribs on the side of the vest. He further stated that he was "padded up", so a TASER would not work on him. He next stated he had ear buds in his ears, in the event a flash-bang was used it



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would not bother him much.

OF #1 told officers that we were going to have to use deadly force on him. He gave further details of having only two choices. One was come to the stairs and shoot him, and the other was try to take him down, but he would take at least one of us with him by stabbing us.

At one point I could hear two different phones ring inside the home. I soon learned it was other members of the HNT Team attempting to call him on his phone, and IO #1's phone. OF #1 at one point attempted to use his voice with Siri to put the phone into "do not disturb" mode, but I later heard the phone ring after he attempted this.

OF #1 stated numerous times during the situation that law enforcement was going to have to shoot him. I started to lose my voice from yelling into the home, so I requested the bullhorn to make negotiations easier. I also used the volume of the bullhorn to attempt to irritate OF #1 since there were little to no communications with him. When I couldn't get any communication with him I would attempt to get responses from IO #1. I heard several times OF #1 telling her not to talk to me. At points during negotiations I could hear IO #1 telling OF #1 "Don't do it!", and crying when speaking to him.

After a short period of no contact OF #1 called out that the kids were coming out. This surprised all of us. We wanted the children to come out the rear door where we were. OF #1 refused to allow the children go out the back door, and demanded they go out the front door. Officers were attempting to get IO #1 to escort them to the door, so she could be removed from the home as well, but OF #1 would not let her. The two children were rescued at the front of the residence and taken to a neighbors home.

We attempted to get IO #1 to come to the kitchen to get more cigarettes, but OF #1 did not want to let her go. The plan was to extract her once she was out of OF #1's sight. After more attempts were made to get her downstairs failed I heard a commotion from inside. I made sure I was out of the way of SWAT Team members. It should be noted we were all on a cement back porch with a railing, and about five (5) steps. To say the least the area was confined. I next heard IO #1 say "Get me the Fuck out of here." I could see she was coming towards the door. SWAT officers got her by them, and I grabbed her by the arm to get her to safety. I ran with her pulling on her left upper arm toward the front of the residence. While running I could hear yelling, and several shots fired. IO #1 screamed as I got her behind the rear of the Bearcat armored vehicle. I then took her to a marked Mansfield Police cruiser. I checked her for weapons and injuries. She was then placed in the rear of the cruiser. I assured her that the children were safe which she asked about many times. I then went to a neighbors home where the children were located. Both were seated on the floor eating snacks. I assured them their mother was safe because I knew they had heard the shots. Both children seemed very calm given the situation.

It should be noted that my handcuffs were placed on OF #1 after he had been shot. My cuffs were given to Officer Gess prior to the final outcome due to the QRF not having their normal flex cuffs on them when they deployed.