

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



2024-3257 Officer Involved Critical Incident - 200 Cline Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Investigative Activity:	Case Opening
Involves:	Mansfield Police Department (O), BCI (O)
Activity Date:	10/19/2024
Activity Location:	202 Cline Avenue, Mansfield, OH 44907
Authoring Agent:	SA Jesse Bynum #179

Narrative:

On October 19, 2024, at approximately 0550 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Mansfield Police Department to conduct an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer involved shooting that occurred at 202 Cline Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. Mansfield Police Lieutenant Robert Skropits (Lieutenant Skropits) later provided agents with a written letter memorializing his request for BCI to investigate the matter.

BCI Special Agent (SA) Jesse Bynum of the Special Investigations Unit responded to assist and arrived on October 19, 2024, at approximately 0708 hours. BCI SIU SA Nick Valente, SA Cory Momchilov and SA Matt Armstrong also responded to assist. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested to process the scene. CSU SA Hootman, SA Doran, and SAS Lula documented and collected pertinent evidence at the scene. SA Nick Valente transported evidence to BCI and secured it in temporary evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Michael Oswalt (Oswalt), and police officers from the Mansfield Police Department. The incident resulted in Oswalt being shot multiple times. EMS responded to the scene, but Oswalt died as a result of his injuries.

SA Bynum was provided with a formal request for assistance letter from Lieutenant Skropits. A copy of the letter has been attached to this report.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-10-19 Request for Assistance Letter

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Department of Public Safety Mansfield Division of Police

Jason Bammann, Chief of Police 30 North Diamond Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902



October 19, 2024

To: SAS Kollar

The Mansfield Police Major Crimes section is requesting your help with an Officer involved shooting case, which is in our jurisdiction. It is an Officer involved shooting resulting out of a Domestic Violence/Suicidal subject with a knife call. The case number is 24-024585 and is being overseen by myself.

The officers were dispatched to Domestic violence call. Upon contact at the residence the deceased barricaded himself and an adult female and two children in the duplex. During the standoff the children were released and when the female tried to escape. The male had an interaction with Swat and was fatally shot. Your agency was requested at that time to process and investigate the scene.

You can contact myself at 419-755-9755. Your offices help would be greatly appreciated.

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