



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – [REDACTED] Miami
Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Officer Morgan Spencer (W)
Date of Activity: 02/19/2025
Activity Location: Miami Twp. (Miamisburg) Police Department – Business – 2660
Lyons Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342
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Narrative:

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Miami Township Police Department (Montgomery County), to assist with an Officer Involved Critical Incident that occurred at [REDACTED], Ohio. The involved subject, Jayden Cole Stephenson, charged toward officers with a knife and officers fired at the subject.

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) interviewed Miami Township Police Officer Morgan Spencer (Officer Spencer). Officer Spencer was accompanied by Attorney Steve Lazarus and Union Representative Tyler Wilson. The interview took place at the Miami Township Police Department, located at 2660 Lyons Road, Miamisburg, OH. The interview was audio recorded and began at approximately 1742 hours.

Officer Spencer was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred in Miami Township, Ohio. Reportedly, Officer Spencer did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information, which was known or observed by this officer.

Officer Spencer has been employed by the Miami Township Police Department for approximately 2 days. Officer Spencer was recently hired and was in field training with [REDACTED]. Officer Spencer has been in law enforcement for a total of 21 years, with past experience working at multiple correctional institutions. During the incident, Officer Spencer was wearing his standard police uniform and was working [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was equipped with a body worn camera (BWC), which he stated was operable and recording at the time of the incident.

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On February 19, 2025, Officer Spencer stated that he was on the north part of the township finishing up an auto accident report. He said that officers were dispatched to 21 year old male with a knife, who was coming after his parents and family. While enroute, the subject reportedly threw a vase at family members. [REDACTED] put out via radio that he had a less lethal shotgun available.

Once Officer Spencer and [REDACTED] arrived on scene, [REDACTED] instructed Officer Spencer to stay with the family and get them to a safe area, away from the immediate scene. Officer Spencer said that there were several family members on scene, to include the subject's mother, step-father, sister, grandfather (mom's dad), and grandmother (dad's mom). Officer Spencer moved the family from the front door and took them outside near the garage.

Officer Spencer said that there were 4-5 officers now on scene, including [REDACTED] and Officer Rankins. He said that Officer Rankins asked for the subject's name and tried to de-escalate the situation. Officer Spencer recalled hearing several commands being given by officers, including "drop it" and "stop". He then recalled hearing multiple rounds fired, which based on his experience, he believed were less lethal bean bag rounds. Shortly after, Officer Spencer said that the family was yelling and tried to go into the house and he held them back. Officer Spencer heard more commands being given, before he heard multiple gunshots fired and heard via radio that the subject was in custody/secure.

Officer Spencer said that family told him that the police were out there two nights before and Jayden went to jail for domestic violence. He was let out the following day and it's unknown if there was a protection order in place. The family told Officer Spencer that Jayden had mental health issues and they wanted to get him treatment. Officer Spencer said that he was not involved in any past interactions with the involved subject. Officer Spencer said that he did not see the subject at any point, but was aware that the initial interaction with the subject and officers occurred in the living room area.

The interview concluded at approximately 1752 hours. The audio recorded interview is attached to this report (attachment #01).

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-02-19 / Officer Morgan Spencer Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.