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 Investigative Report



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Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5611 East Third Street, Mineral City,  
 OH, Tuscarawas County 44656

**Investigative Activity:** Interview of Officer  
**Involves:** Sergeant ██████████ #██████ (W)  
**Activity Date:** November 15, 2022  
**Activity Location:** Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office  
**Authoring Agent:** Special Agent Todd A. Clark #139

**Narrative:**

On October 19, 2022, at 1116 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy and SA Todd Clark interviewed Tuscarawas County Sheriff Deputy ██████████ ██████████ at the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). ██████████ was accompanied by Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) attorney Tom Hanculak.

This report summarizes the information deemed by the author to be of the most relevance to the investigation and does not purport to contain all questions and answers from the interview. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full recording be reviewed to clarify any content or contextual questions regarding the information from the interview.

██████████ was a detective sergeant assigned as the evidence officer for the TCSO. ██████████ graduated from the Stark State Academy in 2008 and began his career with the TCSO in 2008, after working for a couple of departments part-time. As evidence officer, ██████████ normally worked Monday through Friday, with Saturday and Sunday off. ██████████'s shift usually began at 0800-0900 hours and finished at 1600-1700 hours, depending on his duty requirements for the day.

██████████ was involved in two prior shooting incidents in his career. ██████████ was involved in a shooting (in which he discharged his duty weapon) in Lawrence Township, Ohio, in 2021. ██████████ was present (as a drone operator) for a use-of-force incident which occurred in 2022, in Newcomerstown, Ohio. ██████████ did not use force in the Newcomerstown incident.

On the day of the incident, ██████████ reported for duty around 0800-0900 hours. ██████████ was unsure of the exact time. ██████████ did not work any secondary employment prior to starting his shift.

██████████ indicated he was wearing a black polo shirt with TSCO markings and gray pants. ██████████ was carrying his department-issued firearm (Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm, with one magazine containing 15 rounds and one round chambered). ██████████ was assigned to TCSO

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Evidence Transport Vehicle [REDACTED] The Evidence Transport Vehicle was a Ford van with TCSO markings, lights, siren and equipped with a Mobile Data Terminal. It should be noted the vehicle does not have an in-car camera.

[REDACTED] was on Interstate 77 headed to BCI-Richfield in connection with an evidence run. [REDACTED] heard Sergeant [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] call on the radio for more units to come to his location. [REDACTED] indicated he knew [REDACTED] had Deputy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with him. [REDACTED] was a trainee. [REDACTED] indicated he knew [REDACTED] was on a protection order call. [REDACTED] exited Interstate 77 and drove towards [REDACTED] location. [REDACTED] stated, while responding to [REDACTED] location, he heard [REDACTED] (over the radio) state the subject had a knife and was making statements about suicide. [REDACTED] activated his lights and siren in order to get to the location quicker.

When [REDACTED] arrived on scene, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were standing on a walkway near the patio of the residence. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were talking to Everett Martin (Martin). [REDACTED] stated he knew Martin from growing up and playing ball together. They both grew up in Mineral City. [REDACTED] indicated he and Martin were not friends but he was aware of Martin's background. [REDACTED] thought about attempting to talk with Martin, but felt [REDACTED] was doing a good job talking to him. [REDACTED] believed prior to the shooting, [REDACTED] had been communicating with Martin in an effort to de-escalate the situation for approximately 20 minutes. During this time, [REDACTED] ended up standing to [REDACTED] left, where Martin could not see him. [REDACTED] believed he was approximately 10 feet away from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] began to look around the scene in order to figure out how to get into the residence because it was fenced in. He was able to locate an area on the left side of the residence where you could jump over the fence. [REDACTED] saw Lieutenant [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] on scene. [REDACTED] had a less-lethal shotgun with him. It should be noted that [REDACTED] indicated [REDACTED] s less-lethal shotgun jammed at some point and [REDACTED] ended up taking Deputy Megan Cox's (Cox) less-lethal shotgun. [REDACTED] was able to get [REDACTED] s less-lethal shotgun from Cox and determined it was operable. [REDACTED] ended up with [REDACTED] s less-lethal shotgun during this incident. [REDACTED] stated he felt having the less-lethal weapon option during an incident with a potential suicidal individual was a good thing.

[REDACTED] waved [REDACTED] towards him in order to show him how to get over the fence. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] and Cox came to him. [REDACTED] stated they ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Cox) were not able to get into the yard from where he was because the gate was secured. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Cox moved to a different location (near the privacy fence) and [REDACTED] stayed in the yard with [REDACTED]

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██████████ stated ██████████ continued to talk with Martin to try and de-escalate the situation. At this point, he heard someone yell something but did not know what was being said. ██████████ believed it was ██████████ ██████████ stated he heard a “pop go off,” which he believed was the beanbag shotgun being fired. ██████████ stated he could not see what was going on. ██████████ began to move towards ██████████ in case he would have to deploy additional less-lethal rounds. As ██████████ moved towards ██████████ he heard ██████████ say, “He has a gun! He has a gun!” ██████████ put the less-lethal shotgun down and drew his duty weapon. ██████████ began to move out from the vegetation where he was at to see what was going on. As he moved, he heard gunfire. ██████████ believed the time between the less-lethal shotgun fire and the actual gunfire was somewhere between one to five seconds. ██████████ did not see what Martin was doing, but he believed rounds were coming towards him.

After the shots stopped, ██████████ began giving commands to Martin to not move. ██████████ observed bullet holes in Martin’s head. ██████████ heard ██████████ yell, “Handcuff him.” At this point, ██████████ retrieved his “med bag” and then approached Martin. As ██████████ rolled Martin over, Martin flopped over. ██████████ believed Martin was deceased.

██████████ believed the actions of the deputies during this incident were consistent with TCSO training.

██████████ indicated no one has asked him to lie in connection with this incident.

A copy of the audio recording is attached to this report for review.

**Attachment:**

Sgt. ██████████