



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Deputy Matthew Miller (W)
Date of Activity: 09/21/2023
Activity Location: Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman Law Office – 4683
Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, Franklin County
Author: SA Steven Seitzman

Narrative:

On September 20, 2023 at approximately 1544 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agents Steven Seitzman and Perry Roeser conducted an interview with Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Matthew Miller. Franklin County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Jonathan Sommer previously told BCI agents that Deputy Miller responded after the fact to the Officer-Involved Critical Incident in Blendon Township on August 24, 2023. The interview took place at the Harshman, Wannemacher, Tipton & Lipperman Law Office. Deputy Miller's Fraternal Order of Police Attorney Kate Harshman was present. The interview was audio recorded.

The information provided below summarizes key points from the recorded interview and is not a verbatim account. 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 audio recording be reviewed.

Deputy Miller advised that he has been a Franklin County Sheriff's Office deputy for approximately 10 years. He was working his normal [REDACTED] on August 24, 2023. During his shift, he heard "shots fired" from Blendon Township police officers over the police radio. He responded from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Substation, which is located at the Jefferson Township Fire Station. He estimated that it took him between seven and 10 minutes to arrive.

Upon his arrival, he observed several Westerville and Minerva Park police officers rendering first aid to a female subject [Ta'kiya Mone't Yvette Young]. He placed crime scene tape around where the officers were rendering first aid and an involved vehicle. He remained at that location until the medic arrived. He said he helped the medic in and out of the scene.

Deputy Miller then helped Deputies Loposser, Jenkins, and Verhoff secure the scene with tape.

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He passed out some witness statements, which he later collected and provided to Deputy Verhoff. He then started the crime scene log until BCI agents arrived. Once BCI agents arrived, Deputy Miller assisted in expanding the crime scene.

SA Seitzman asked Deputy Miller if he spoke with any of the involved officers. He said he talked to Blendon Township Police Sergeant Moynihan. He asked Sergeant Moynihan, "Did we [law enforcement] do this?" Sergeant Moynihan answered in the affirmative by shaking his head. Deputy Miller then asked him, "Was this [Officer] Grubb?" Again, Sergeant Moynihan answered in the affirmative. Deputy Miller said he did not ask Sergeant Moynihan any additional questions. He said Officer Grubb was removed from the scene prior to his arrival.

Deputy Miller recalled that the family of Ta'kiya Mone't Yvette Young showed up at the scene. He did not speak with them, but he stood in the area while they were there. The family advised that they pinged Ta'kiya's phone in the area and responded once they learned there was an incident at that location. The family did not provide any additional information.

Deputy Miller said he left the scene at approximately 2300 hours.

The interview was concluded at 1554 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-9-21 / Interview with Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Matthew Miller