



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



2025-0513
Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104
Chillicothe, OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Witness interview
Involves: Dee Karshner
Activity Date: 02/17/2025
Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung, #86

Narrative:

On Monday, February 17, 2025, at 2106 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) made phone contact with Dee Karshner (Karshner), regarding an officer-involved critical incident which took place earlier in the evening. SA Chung received Karshner's contact information directly from Ross County Sheriff Lavender. The purpose of the interview was to obtain information of the incident observed by Karshner. The interview was audio recorded, was saved to the case file and is attached to this report. Please refer to the audio for specific quotes.

Karshner stated shortly before 1700 hours, she was in her vehicle on the exit ramp from westbound US 35 onto southbound SR 104. Karshner indicated there were two cars in front of her at the stop light. While she was stopped, she observed a police cruiser with the emergency lights activated. Karshner confirmed she looked to her right when she observed the police cruiser.

Karshner stated she saw a deputy out of his vehicle, standing near the driver's side mirror, with his gun pointed at a subject, in a "gun stance". Karshner described the clothing of the subject as a long, camouflage jacket and possibly black hair or wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. Karshner said there was 25-30 yards between the deputy and the subject, and it appeared as if there was a verbal exchange going on. Karshner could not tell if the subject was a male or female.

Karshner indicated she continued to watch the verbal exchange go on and she suddenly heard two gunshots. Karshner stated the gunshots were in quick succession and she also observed the "residue from the gun" (combustion of primer and powder creates a plume of gas with smoke). She then observed the subject fall to the ground.

After the gunshots, Karshner observed the deputy move towards the rear of his police cruiser to "create a barricade" as the deputy was still pointing his pistol at the subject on the ground. She did not observe anything further as the traffic light turned green.

The interview concluded at approximately 2115 hours.

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References:

None

Attachments:

1. Dee Karshner interview.

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