



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



2023-2234
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 2001 E. Livingston St., Celina,
Oh. 45822

Investigative Activity: Radio Traffic Review
Date of Activity: 10/04/2023
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Narrative

During the course of this investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jason Snyder (SA Snyder) received requested records and recordings from the Celina Police Department (Celina PD). SA Snyder had previously requested all dispatch records, audio recordings (radio, 911, and phone), mobile data terminal (MDT) communications, and any other dispatch/communications-related information for the following date and time period surrounding this incident on August 25, 2023. As a result of that request, the following items were received and reviewed:

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records:

SAS Stranahan reviewed dispatch notes and a CAD log from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office for August 25, 2023. Investigation revealed the following:

Time	Notes
02:20:24	CPD (Celina) Units ADV SHOTS FIRED, SIG99
02:20:56	WAS A 60 TURNED INTO SHOTS FIRED TAKING OFF
02:22:06	CPD ADV NEED A SHEILD OUT HERE, SQUAD ON STAND BY
02:22:43	CPD ADV SQUAD ON STAND BY AT ENTRANCE TO THE PARK
02:25:41	SQUAD COME BACK IMMEDIATELY, GUN SHOT VICTIM BY

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	THE POND
2:29:43	5405 WAS NTFY'D
02:30:54	PD MADE CONTACT WITH THEIR UNIT 2 [Assistant Chief Harting]
02:31:06	PD ADV CALL IN ANOTHER SHIFT
02:33:36	ASKED PD FOR NAME ON SUBJ FOR SQUAD, NO RESPONSE ON RADIO
02:36:01	SITUATION IS CONTAINED
04:05:18	AT OUR 25 W/ 1/F AND ONE 34 [Mercer County Sheriff's Office with 1 female and 1 child]
06:57:07	HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE SCENE ENR TO 25 [Sgt. Etgen has been released from the scene and is in route to the Mercer County Sheriff's Office]

The Mercer County Sheriff's Office CAD notes listed the following officers as having responded:

Unit Number	Officer
2103	Kevin Wynn 1
2108	Dan Speckman
5421	Darrell Etgen
5423	Chad Fortkamp

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5446	Patrick Cupp
CPD	CPD [Celina Police Department]

Radio Traffic Recordings:

SAS Stranahan reviewed the radio recordings received from the Celina Police Department. The radio traffic is broken down into 24 separate files. The radio traffic also does not contain the voice of the dispatcher. It only contains the voice of the officer. For the purposes of this investigative report, SAS Stranahan will only discuss radio traffic deemed pertinent. Copies of the radio traffic received from the Celina Police Department have been placed in this case file. Investigation revealed the following:

1. 23_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_22_24

A male officer who identifies himself as unit number 11 contacts dispatch via radio and said “I’ll be out at East View, back at the pond, 60A [suspicious vehicle].”

2. 22_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_24_58

An unidentified male officer broadcast “I’ll be out with him.”

3. 21_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_25_37

A male officer broadcast “He’s taking off. He’s Taking off.”

Another officer asked “Which way.”

An officer broadcast “Shots fired.”

An officer broadcast “He tried to strike me.”

Another officer broadcast “Get Coldwater, Get St. Marys and Get the County out here.” [SAS Stranahan could also hear an audible siren in the background of this radio transmission.]

An officer broadcast "Signal 99."

An officer asked "Where's he at?"

An officer broadcast "Vehicle is stopped. Get, get up here now. PD get some more units here now."

4. 18_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_27_37

An officer broadcast "Deputy, let the County know we need a shield out here."

5. 16_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_28_46

An officer broadcast "PD, get me a squad out here on standby."

6. 14_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_29_21

An officer broadcast "Go ahead and tell the squad to standby right at the entrance to the park."

7. 10_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_31_14

An officer broadcast "PD, get the squad back here to the pond right away. We got a gunshot victim."

8. 08_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_32_36

An officer requested dispatch contact "Unit 2 [Assistant Chief]."

9. 07_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_33_04

An officer asked "PD. Where's the squad at?"

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10. 05_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_34_14

An officer said "PD. Tell the squad to come back by the pond."

11. 02_XCELINPD_2023_08_25_02_37_20

An officer asked "PD. Did you make any contact with Unit 1 or Unit 2 yet [Chief and Assistant Chief]

911 Calls:

There were no 911 calls regarding this incident.

Other Phone Calls (other than 911):

SAS Stranahan reviewed telephone calls that were provided by the Celina Police Department. For the purposes of this investigative report, SAS Stranahan will only discuss radio traffic deemed pertinent. Copies of the radio traffic received from the Celina Police Department have been placed in this case file. Investigation revealed the following:

1. 20_SIP_2_2-23_08_25_02_26_13

A female dispatcher called an officer and asked where they were at. The officer responded and said they were at "East View by the pond."

2. 19_Sip_Trunk_3_2023_08_25_02_27_23

This was a conversation between a male and female dispatcher. The female dispatcher asked the male dispatcher [Celina PD] what they had going on. The male dispatcher stated that it was a "60 [suspicious] that turned into shots fired taking

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off.” Muffled radio traffic and be heard in the background. The female dispatcher asked what the officers on the radio said. The male dispatcher replied and said the officers were requesting a “shield.”

3. 15_SIP_Trunk_2_2023_08_25_02_29_16

The Celina PD dispatcher contacted the fire department and requested a “squad” to respond to East View park and be on standby due to shots being fired.

4. 09_SIP_Trunk_2_2023_08_25_02_32_15

The Celina PD dispatcher called the fire department and asked if they had dispatched their ambulance. The fire department said they had not. The dispatcher then requested the ambulance respond to the East View park for a gun shot victim.

5. 04_SIP_Trunk_2_2023_08_25_02_34_17

The Celina PD dispatcher placed a telephone call to Assistant Chief Harting. The dispatcher provided the Assistant Chief with the details of the incident know to the dispatcher. The Assistant Chief said he would be in route to the scene.

The records and recordings received were placed in this case file. Please refer to the recordings for further details.