



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



2022-0498  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus  
43215 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Officer

**Involves:** Detective Sergeant Bill Duffer (W), Detective Bryan Meister (W),  
Detective John Thompson (W)

**Date of Activity:** 03/07/2022

**Activity Location:** Franklin County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau – 410 South High  
Street, Floor 3, Columbus, OH 43215, Franklin County

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**Narrative:**

On March 7, 2022, BCI was requested to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident that took place in a parking garage behind the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Detective Bureau (34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus, Ohio). BCI Special Agent Todd Fortner (SA Fortner) was assigned to interview potential FCSO witness detectives.

These interviews were audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the recording for specific quotes. The following is a summation of the interview:

Beginning at 1338 hours, SA Fortner interviewed Detective Sergeant Bill Duffer (Sgt. Duffer), Detective Bryan Meister (Det. Meister), and Detective John Thompson (Det. Thompson), individually. All three detectives stated that they responded to the 7th floor of the parking structure attached to the detective bureau after hearing a radio call about a shooting and/or robbery there. All three advised they arrived at the scene following the actual event.

They observed a male on the ground with an apparent gunshot wound that was being provided medical aid by other detectives. They also noticed another male and a female in the area. The female was bleeding and appeared to have wounds on her face. Sgt. Duffer said he had heard them say that the subject on the ground had tried to rob the female and detectives in the area intervened. Sgt. Duffer had the involved detectives relieved and others provide aid until medics arrived. Det. Meister and Det. Thompson helped secure the scene.

None of them witnessed the altercation or heard any comments from those involved.

**Attachments:**

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Attachment # 01: FCSO Sgt. Bill Duffer Interview  
Attachment # 02: FCSO Det. Bryan Meister Interview  
Attachment # 03: FCSO Det. John Thompson Interview

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