



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



2022-0826

Officer Involved Critical Incident - W. 46th Street, between Collins Blvd.
and Valley View Blvd.

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Activity Date: 4/13/2022
Activity Location: Ashtabula, Ohio
Authoring Agent: SA Jon Lieber #50

Narrative:

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at approximately 0148 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Lieutenant William Parkomaki of the Ashtabula Police Department to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of W. 46th Street between Collins Blvd. and Valley View Blvd. (Spring Street bridge). At 0221 hours, BCI Special Agent (SA) Jon Lieber (Lieber) was notified by the BCI radio room of the request for assistance. SA Lieber responded to assist, arriving at approximately 0415 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit was SA Stacey Fifer. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, David Ward Jr., and members of the Ashtabula Police Department. The incident resulted in the death of David Ward Jr.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this Investigative Report.



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To: Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI)
From: Chief Robert D. Stell (Ashtabula Police Dept.)
Ref: Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as our formal request for your agency, BCI, to investigate the officer involved shooting incident which took place in the early morning hours of 4/13/22 in the City of Ashtabula. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (440) 992-7156 (o) or (440) 228-1731 (c) at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stell", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Robert D. Stell
Ashtabula Police Dept.