



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



2024-3564

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 5050 Eastpointe Drive,
Medina, Ohio 44256

Investigative Activity: Case Opening and Initial Response

Involves: Bureau of Criminal Investigation (O), Medina Township Police Department (O), Ohio State Highway Patrol (O), Montville Township Police Department (O), Medina City Police Department (O), Medina County Sheriff's Office (O)

Activity Date: 11/04/2024

Activity Location: 5050 Eastpointe Drive, Medina Township, OH

Authoring Agent: SA Jesse Bynum #179

Narrative:

On November 4, 2024, at approximately 2006 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol to conduct an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer involved in a critical incident that occurred at 5050 Eastpointe Drive, Medina Township, Ohio. Medina Township Police Department Lieutenant Todd Zieja (Lieutenant Zieja) later provided agents with a written letter memorializing his request for BCI to investigate the matter. The letter of request written by Lieutenant Zieja is attached to this report.

Although the shooting occurred in Medina Township, the matter involved an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper and a subject. The subject, Charles Ryan Alexander (Alexander) was the driver of a U-Haul truck, and the passenger was his minor child (minor child). The minor child was a passenger in the vehicle driven by Alexander and was pulled from the U-Haul after the incident by police on scene prior to BCI agents' arrival.

The BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) was requested and processed the shooting scene.

Various BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) agents responded to the scene and other locations. Special Agent (SA) William Conn (SA Conn) was the first to arrive at the scene of the shooting at approximately 2242 hours. SA Conn spoke with officers on scene and gathered preliminary information regarding the shooting. SA Cory Momchilov (SA Momchilov) and SA Conn conducted a search of the area for potential witnesses and video cameras that may have recorded the incident. Agents obtained a list of potential witnesses to the shooting that were employees of Bob Evans and Arby's. SA Conn located one business (Bob Evan's) with possible security cameras that may have captured the shooting. The video was later obtained by SA Conn. Refer to the

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investigative reports detailing the review of those videos for further information on that activity.

SA Momchilov, responded to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Post 52 (OSHP) and met with members of OSHP, photographed involved trooper and asked additional troopers if they were witnesses. Statements were requested. Refer to the investigative report written by SA Momchilov for further details on his activity.

SA Lurna McClintock transported the evidence collected from the scene to the Richfield BCI Office where they were secured in a temporary locker at approximately 0215 hours.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Medina Township PD Request for Assistance

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John W. Minek, Chief of Police

11/19/2-24

To: SAS Chuck Moran,

The Medina Township Police Department is requesting your help with an Officer Involved Shooting, which occurred in our jurisdiction. The Officer involved shooting resulting our of an Amber Alert that was issued which resulted in the subject and missing child being located in Brunswick Ohio and lead police on a short pursuit that stopped in Medina Township, Medina County, Ohio.

Upon contact with the subject in the parking lot of Arby's, 5081 Eastpoint Drive, Medina, Ohio, he was observed holding a handgun to himself as well as his seven-year-old daughter. He fired several shots at officers during the standoff. He was ultimately fatally shot and the seven-year-old was safely removed from the vehicle. Your agency was requested at that time to process and investigate the scene.

Your officer's assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Zieja", is written over the typed name.

Todd A. Zieja

Lieutenant

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