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

2022-1782
Officer Involved Critical Incident -3295 Sullivant Avenue, Apt. H, Columbus OH 43204 (L)

Investigative Activity:	Interview with Witness
Involves:	William Caldwell-Chatters (W)
Date of Activity:	08/30/2022
Activity Location:	Scene - 3295 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, OH 43204, Franklin County
Author:	SA James Poole

Narrative:

On Tuesday, August 30, 2022, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent James Poole (SA Poole) interviewed William Caldwell-Chatters (Chatters) relative to the officer-involved shooting, which occurred on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, involving Donovan Lewis (Lewis). The interview took place in front of 3295 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Chatters stated he was sleeping when he heard the police knocking on the door in the middle of the night. His friend, Aaron Washington, answered the door and police told them to come outside. Chatters stated police yelled over and over again commands for everyone to come out, but he knew Lewis was still in the back bedroom. Chatters remembered the officers yelling to come out or the dog would bite. Chatters stated the police sent the K-9 in, but the back bedroom door was shut. Chatters said officers then entered the apartment making their way to the back bedroom. Chatters stated he was able to see through the front door into the apartment where he saw an officer, from behind, open the back bedroom door and fire one round. Chatters did not see Lewis, but believes he came to the door to open it. Chatters then saw officers bring Lewis out where he saw Lewis have a wound on his stomach. Chatters stated the officer began working on him awaiting for the medics to arrive.

SA Poole asked Chatters if there were any weapons in the house. Chatters said, “no.”

SA Poole asked Chatters if they had been drinking. Chatters said, “no.”

SA Poole asked Chatters if Lewis had used any drugs. Chatters stated, he didn’t believe so.

SA Poole asked Chatters if cops said any commands during the incident. Chatters said, “yes, several.”

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SA Poole asked Chatters how long he was staying with Lewis. Chatters said, just a few days.

SA Poole asked Chatters if Lewis said anything after. Chatters said, no he wasn't responsive.

SA Poole asked if Chatters saw the shooting take place. Chatters said he just saw the officer from behind fire his weapon once, but could not see what he was shooting at.

SA Poole asked Chatters for a phone number to contact him latter. Chatters said, he doesn't have one and only gave SA Poole an email address to be contacted at. Chatters later stated he did not have an address and that he was homeless.

The interview concluded.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: William Caldwell-Chatters Interview 8.30.22

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