

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



2024-2614

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

**Investigative Activity:** Case Opening and Initial Response

Involves: Christian Thomas (S),

Cleveland

Heights Police Department (O), BCI (O)

**Activity Date:** 08/29/2024

Activity Location: 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121

**Authoring Agent:** SA Nick Valente #139

## Narrative:

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, at approximately 2253 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Cleveland Heights Police Department (CHPD) to conduct an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred at 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. CHPD Chief Christopher Britton later provided agents with a written letter memorializing the request for BCI to investigate. That letter was attached to this report.

BCI Special Agents (SA) Dan Boerner (Boerner), Laurna McClintock (McClintock), Nick Valente (Valente), and Allison Fletcher (Fletcher) all first responded to the CHPD. SA Boerner and SA McClintock photographed the three involved officers and collected the weapons used by the three officers. The three involved officers were identified as

SA Valente and SA Fletcher introduced themselves to the three involved officers and explained BCI's purpose as related to this investigation. When asked, all three officers declined to participate in formal interviews with agents at that time.

SA Valente, SA Fletcher, SA Boerner, and SA McClintock all responded to the scene of the shooting, 1309 Yellowstone Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, after clearing CHPD. The above noted agents then joined Temporary Working Supervisor (TWS) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) at the scene of the officer-involved shooting.

Once on scene, SA Boerner and SA McClintock processed the crime scene. Refer to the Investigative Report detailing that activity for further details related to scene processing and the collection of evidence.

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TWS Armstrong, SA Valente, and SA Fletcher conducted interviews with additional CHPD officers who were on scene and present at the time of the shooting but did not fire their weapons. Refer to the Investigative Reports detailing those interviews for further information on what these witness officers reported.

TWS Armstrong, SA Valente, and SA Fletcher also conducted a neighborhood canvass to locate any potential witnesses to the incident and any cameras present in the area that may have recorded the incident. Refer to the Investigative Report detailing the neighborhood canvass for further information on what was learned from neighboring residents.

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None

## **Attachments:**

1. Request For Assistance Letter

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August 30th, 2024

Mr. Mark Kollar Special Agent Supervisor Bureau of Criminal Investigation 4055 Highlander Parkway Richfield, Ohio 44286

Dear Supervisor Kollar,

Please accept this letter of request to your office to initiate an investigation into an incident for which we have a conflict of interest. The incident occurred on Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1309 Yellowstone Rd, in the City of Cleveland Heights.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Britton

Chief of Police