



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 236 McKinley Ave, Piqua, OH
(Miami County) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Off. Hunter Mote (W)
Date of Activity: 02/21/2025
Activity Location: Piqua Police Department – Business – 100 N. Wayne Street, Piqua, OH 45356
Author: SA David Hornyak, #112

Narrative:

On February 21, 2025, at approximately 2148 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Dave Hornyak interviewed Piqua Police Officer Hunter Mote (Badge #219) relative to the officer-involved critical incident that occurred earlier that evening at 236 McKinley Avenue, Piqua, Ohio. Also present was Off. Mote's FOP Attorney Brian Brennaman.

The interview took place at the Piqua Police Department. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this individual.

Off. Mote stated that she was voluntarily attending the interview and then provided the following information:

On [REDACTED], she was working her [REDACTED]. During her shift, she and Officer Heath (Badge #209) were separately dispatched to a domestic incident on McKinley Avenue involving an intoxicated son and his mother. Officer Mote arrived after Officers Heath, Kimpel, and Lt. Rodriguez. Inside the residence, the homeowners and parents of the subject led officers to the door of the basement stating that their son (David West) was downstairs. The father told officers that West was armed with a pepper ball gun and to be careful.

Lt. Rodriguez, situated on the left side of the doorway, voiced commands downstairs to West telling him to come upstairs with his hands up, and "...to not have any weapons on him." In reply, West said he had a pistol. Off. Mote and the other officers then drew their weapons. Off. Mote was stationed on the right side of the doorway behind Off. Heath and could not see downstairs.

As the encounter continued, West remained "uncooperative" and at some point Lt. Rodriguez fired four shots. When officers went down to check, they found West lying on his back on the

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floor. He was bleeding but still breathing. Officers rendered aid, which included cutting off West's shirt, attempting to pack the gunshot wounds with gauze, and giving compressions. Eventually medics arrived and took over care.

Lt. Rodriguez did not say anything about why he fired. Off. Mote stated that she had no previous interactions with David West, but did hear after the incident that David was known to have had mental issues from previous encounters with officers.

Off. Mote has only been with the Piqua Police Department since October 28, 2024. The interview terminated at approximately 2156 hours.

The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. This report is a summary only. The entire interview can be reviewed on the recording.

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-02-21 / Off. Hunter Mote interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.