



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



2022-0310
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 913 Lebanon Street, Monroe,
Ohio (L)

Involves: Dustin Booth (S)
Date of Activity: 02/16/2022
Activity Location: Panera Bread – 9444 Civic Centre Blvd, West Chester, OH 45069,
Butler County
Author: SA Richard Ward, #55

Narrative:

On February 16, 2022, at 1256, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Special Agents Richard Ward and Perry Roeser met with Elisa Miller at Panera Bread, 9444 Civic Centre Drive, West Chester, Ohio, for the purpose of an interview. Miller had provided a statement to the Middletown Journal media outlet of her observations during the Officer-Involved Critical Incident between Monroe Police and Dustin Booth in the late evening hours of February 11, 2022.

On the above date, Miller stated she was working as a Door Dash driver and had picked up an order from McDonalds. Miller stated she was in her vehicle positioned on New Garver Road stationary (stop light) across the intersection (south) from the incident location. Miller stated her GPS instructed her to proceed straight; to cross State Route 63 and continue onto New Garver Road. Miller indicated her position on a hand written diagram.

Miller stated she observed a pick up truck pulled over by several police vehicles on Lebanon Street and the driver of the vehicle exit the and go to the ground. Miller stated when the driver exited, he quickly went to the ground and faced the oncoming police officers. Miller stated the passenger (Dustin Booth) exited the vehicle and walked away from the police officers with his arms up. According to Miller, several police officers ordered Booth to the ground, but Booth did not comply. Agent Ward asked Miller if she observed Booth with anything and she stated he had a backpack on. Miller stated the police released a K-9 who was able to "get him (Booth) on the arm" and Booth's hands were still up. Afterward, Miller stated the police recalled the K-9 and Booth, after being "bitten" in the right triceps area, walked with his hand up toward State Route 63. Miller stated Booth's hands were up the "entire time."

Miller indicted on the her hand written diagram where Booth ended up on the concrete divider, which funneled traffic onto State Route 63. Miller stated at least five officers surrounded Booth in a 'semi circle" with the officers facing State Route 63 and Booth faced toward the officers.

Miller stated from her vantage point, she can only observe Booth's right side and his left side

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was not visible to her. Miller stated one officer fired and the other "officers in succession fired" and "unloaded" into Booth who fell to the ground and didn't move. Although she said Booth's arms were up the entire time, Miller stated Booth's left side was not visible to her and he (Booth) "could have reached for something and she had no idea." Miller stated the Middletown Journal new paper left out that portion of her statement in the article. After the incident, Miller stated she drove straight through the scene and did not see the aftermath. Agent Ward asked Miller how many gunshots she heard/observed and she stated a minimum of twelve.

Miller stated she had a friend in the car, but declined to provide her friend's name. Miller stated she would contact BCI if her friend wished to provide a statement.

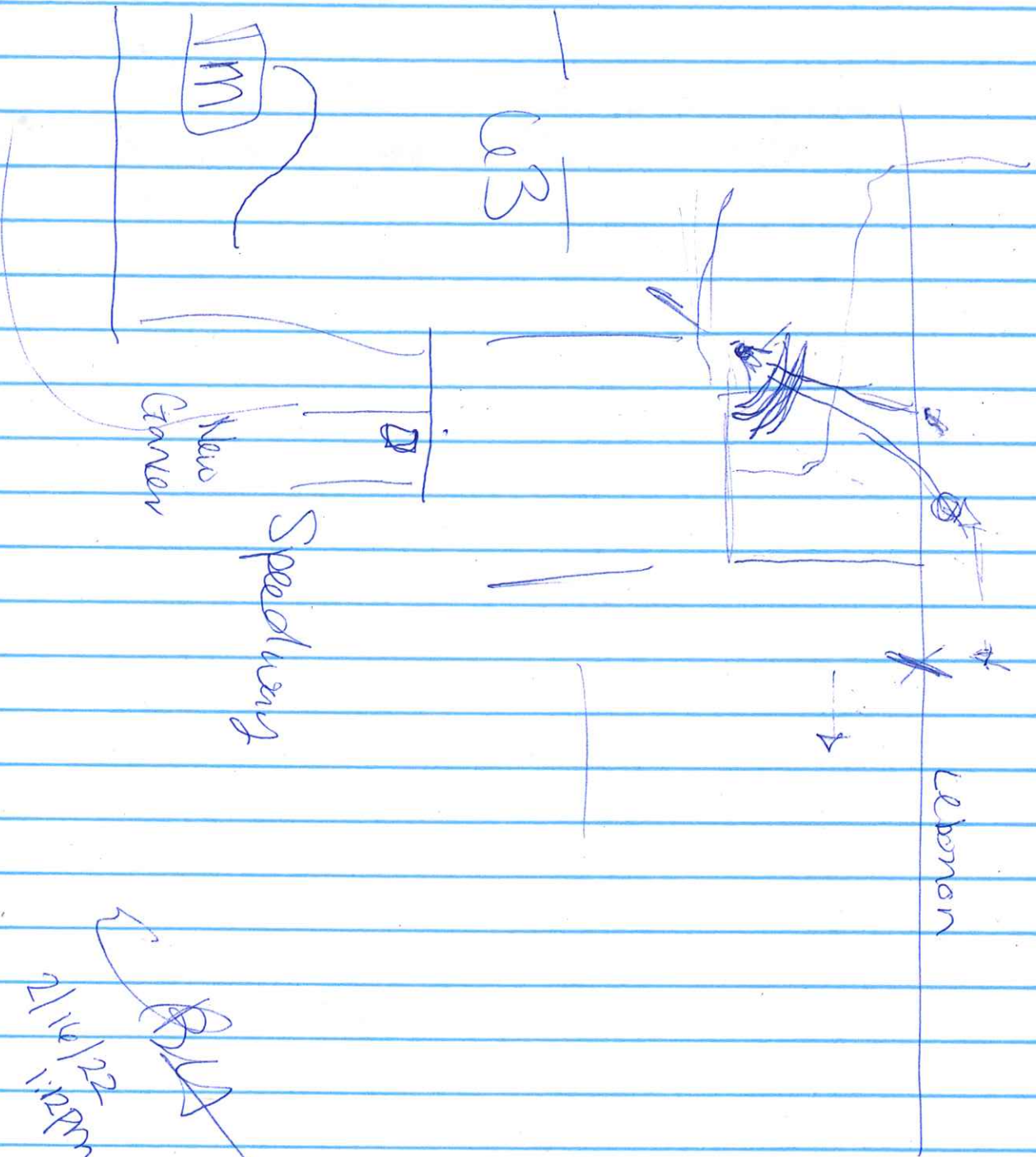
Agent Ward concluded the interview with Miller at 1312 hours. Attached below is the hand written diagram and audio recorded interview with Miller.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Eliza Miller's Diagram

Attachment # 02: 2022-02-16 / Eliza Miller audio interview

Exhibit 1



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Exhibit 2

Included as a separate file.