

# HOMICIDE UNIT SYNOPSIS REPORT

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**FIT #22-06**

*Homicide 22-69*

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Felonious Assault on P.O. on Duty x2 / Aggravated Robbery Firearm/Police Intervention (Shooting) / Foreign Agency / Abated by Death / Gun Confiscation x2

**DATE OF THIS REPORT:** Thursday, June 2, 2022

**RMS #** 2022-155518

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** Thursday, June 2, 2022

**TIME:** Approx. 1734 hours

**LOCATION:** 3495 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street #703

**DISTRICT:** 4

**WARD:** 6

**ZONE:** 4-3

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**INVOLVED OFFICER #1:** P.O. [REDACTED]

**AD:** 09-18-1999

**ASSIGNMENT:** Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority P.D.

**Shift:** B PLT

**INJURIES:** Bite injury to left index finger and laceration on forehead. Transported to U.H. by EMS Medic 28 where he was confined.

**FORCE USED:** Fired handgun.

**WEAPON:** Glock, Model 17, Gen 4, 9mm Serial [REDACTED] Inspection reveals, empty chamber, 17 rounds in the magazine – indicating one round fired.

**EQUIPMENT:** WCS, Handcuffs, Flashlight, Radio, and 2 full Magazines.

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**INVOLVED OFFICER #2:** [REDACTED]

**AD:** 12-15-2008

**ASSIGNMENT:** Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority P.D.

**Shift:** B PLT

**INJURIES:** None Reported

**FORCE USED:** Fired taser and fired handgun.

**WEAPON:** Glock, Model 17, Serial [REDACTED] Inspection reveals 1 round in the chamber, 15 rounds in the magazine – indicating two rounds fired.

**EQUIPMENT:** WCS, Radio, Handcuffs, and 2 full Magazines.

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**SUSPECT:** Demond Eskridge, B/M/42, DOB/07-29-1979

(Abated by Death)

**INJURIES:** GSW's to body. Pronounced at UH by Dr. Rushing @ 1818 hours.

**WEAPON:** Glock, Model 17, Gen 4, 9mm Serial [REDACTED] Suspect fired one round from P.O. [REDACTED] weapon.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY:** Per OHLEG – CCW, Domestic Violence, Assault, Grand Theft, Resisting Arrest, and Aggravated Menacing.

**NOTIFICATION:** Gregory Eskridge, Father, 1867 Woodlawn Ave, East Cleveland, OH Tel # [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was notified by Homicide Detectives.

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**SYNOPSIS:**

- On Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 1734 hours, CCS advised Fourth District Officers that a male was shot at 3495 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street #703.
- As the Officers were enroute they received additional information that Officers from the CMHA Police Department were involved in a Use of Deadly Force.
- EMS Medic 7 arrived and transported the suspect to U.H. where Dr. Rushing pronounced him deceased at 1818 hours.
- EMS Medic 28 arrived and transported P.O. [REDACTED] to U.H. where he was confined.
- A full FIT call up was initiated and members of the FIT responded to both the scene and hospital.
- Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs, and Crime Scene responded.
- Several interviews were conducted on scene by members of the FIT.
- CSRU, Sgt. Rini, Detectives Emerick, Hale and Edge processed the scene.
- Preliminary investigation reveals that CMHA P.D. Officers responded to 3495 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street #703 c/w a Disturbance with a male throwing items from a 7<sup>th</sup> floor balcony down into the street.
- CMHA P.D. P.O. [REDACTED] and SGT. [REDACTED] observed several items on the grass and in the street. These items included a bedframe, a closet door, a broken mirror, a cellphone, a hatchet, a floor lamp, 2 chairs, a fan, 5 gallon buckets, several cans of food, and a big screen television.
- The Officers entered the building, took the elevator to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, approached the entrance to apartment 703, and knocked on the door.
- The Officers entered the apartment, announced "POLICE DEPARTMENT" and observed the entire apartment in disarray. There were items thrown all around and water that was covering the floor. There was also blood present on a closet door.
- The Officers heard running water and approached the source of the running water; a bathroom connected to a bedroom.
- Here they encountered DEMOND ESKRIDGE, who was sitting in a bathtub with the water running and the water was overflowing the side of the tub.
- ESKRIDGE stood up out of the tub and asked "do we got a problem?" as he approached P.O. [REDACTED] as PO [REDACTED] was backing out of the bedroom.
- ESKRIDGE approached P.O. [REDACTED] and punched P.O. [REDACTED] in the face. SGT [REDACTED] grabbed a hold of ESKRIDGE'S left arm and ESKRIDGE grabbed and took possession of P.O. [REDACTED] service weapon, a 9mm Glock handgun.
- P.O. [REDACTED] attempted to get his gun back and ESKRIDGE began biting P.O. [REDACTED] left hand.
- P.O. [REDACTED] used his right hand to attempt to dislodge his left hand from ESKRIDGE'S mouth and alerted SGT [REDACTED] that "he has my gun".
- SGT [REDACTED] deployed his issued Taser striking ESKRIDGE.
- ESKRIDGE pointed the weapon (that he stole from PO [REDACTED] and fired one round at SGT. [REDACTED] missing his head.
- At some point as PO [REDACTED] was attempting to get his finger out of ESKRIDGE'S mouth and get his

gun back from ESKRIDGE the magazine dropped out PO [REDACTED] weapon. It appeared that ESKRIDGE continued to attempt to fire the gun but was unable to do so due to the magazine not being present in the gun.

- PO [REDACTED] reengaged with ESKRIDGE in an attempt to disarm him and apprehend him.
- ESKRIDGE was able to overtake PO [REDACTED] and was on top of PO [REDACTED] when SGT. [REDACTED] fired his service weapon at ESKRIDGE striking him in the back.
- SGT. [REDACTED] stepped backwards and tripped over the items that were on the bedroom floor. ESKRIDGE got on top of SGT [REDACTED] and attempted to disarm SGT [REDACTED]
- At some point after being shot by SGT [REDACTED] the gun that ESKRIDGE possessed fell to the ground.
- SGT. [REDACTED] was on his back on the floor and ESKRIDGE was on top of him and next to him. They were both in the threshold of the bedroom doorway.
- SGT. [REDACTED] was holding his gun away from ESKRIDGE'S reach and ESKRIDGE kept trying to get SGT [REDACTED] gun.
- PO [REDACTED] said "give me your gun".
- SGT. [REDACTED] handed his service weapon to PO [REDACTED] who fired one round into ESKRIDGE'S left shoulder area.
- SGT [REDACTED] and PO [REDACTED] were able to handcuff ESKRIDGE and SGT [REDACTED] performed First Aid until he was relieved by another CMHA P.D. Officer who arrived to assist.
- EMS Medic 7 transported ESKRIDGE to U.H. where Dr. Rushing pronounced him deceased at 1818 hours.
- EMS Medic 28 transported PO [REDACTED] to U.H. where he is confined. PO [REDACTED] is awaiting a CT Scan on his head and x-rays on his hand. A portion of his left index finger was bitten off by ESKRIDGE. The piece of his finger was located inside of his glove at U.H.
- A "Walk Through" was conducted with SGT [REDACTED] members of the FIT, CMHA P.D. SGT JAYCOX, and an OPBA Attorney.
- The CCMEO Dr. Gilson and Investigator Strang responded to begin their investigation.
- Body cameras were taken from SGT [REDACTED] and PO [REDACTED] and downloaded at CMHA P.D. Headquarters in the presence of Homicide Unit and Internal Affairs personnel.
- The body cameras were reviewed and uploaded to Evidence.com.
- Both of the Officers uniforms were collected as evidence.
- Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Saleh Awadallah was briefed.