



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



2023-2232

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Initial Briefing
Involves: Blendon Twp. Police Department (O)
Date of Activity: 08/24/2023
Author: SA Kyle Douglass, #126

Narrative:

On August 24, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was notified by the Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) of an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at 5991 South Sunbury Road in Westerville, OH. It was initially reported shots were fired by BTPD at this location and an involved party was transported to the hospital and was later pronounced deceased.

Upon arrival, BCI Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) was notified BTPD was responding to a vehicle lockout in the Kroger parking lot when Kroger employees notified them of an alleged theft by an unidentified female, who was later identified as Ta'kiya Young (Young). During the encounter, Young reportedly attempted to flee the scene and struck a BTPD officer with her vehicle, and a BTPD officer discharged their firearm in response. Young was transported to Mount Carmel St. Ann's medical center with alleged gunshot wounds, where she was later pronounced deceased.

BCI agreed to investigate the OICI. SA Douglass was assigned Special Investigations Unit (SIU) lead investigator, and BCI Special Agent Mathew Austin (SA Austin) was assigned as the BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) lead investigator.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Request for Assistance – Blendon Township Police Dept.

Blendon Township

6340 Hempstead Road
Westerville, Ohio 43081

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September 12, 2023

Superintendent Joseph Morbitzer
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Attention; Special Agent Kyle Douglass
1560 State Route 56
London, Ohio 43140

Superintendent Morbitzer,

This letter is to serve as written confirmation of my verbal request for assistance.

On August 24, 2023, at approximately 6:45 pm, I called Ohio BCI and requested assistance from Ohio BCI for an Officer Involved Shooting that occurred earlier that same evening at 5991 South Sunbury Road (Kroger parking lot), Westerville, Ohio 43081, in Blendon Township, Franklin County Ohio. On the scene I requested (to Special Agents Jim Mulford and Kyle Douglass) that Ohio BCI take the lead in the investigation of our Officer's use of force.

This incident arose out of a situation involving the theft of items from the Kroger store. These two incidents, the theft offenses and the use of force, involved the same subject. As such, I am also requesting that Ohio BCI assist our agency by investigating the theft offenses that began the chain of events that resulted in this use of force.



John C. Belford
Chief of Police

