



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



2024-3649

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6880 Sunset Strip Ave
NW, Room #220, North Canton, Ohio, 44720

Investigative Activity: Case Opening
Involves: Jackson Township Police Department
Activity Date: 11/18/2024
Activity Location: 6880 Sunset Strip Ave NW, Room #220, North
Canton, Ohio, 44720
Authoring Agent: SA Matthew Armstrong

Narrative:

On Monday, November 18, 2024, at approximately 1413 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Jackson Township Police Department (JTPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved critical incident which occurred in the area of 6880 Sunset Strip Ave NW, Room #220, North Canton, Ohio, 44720.

BCI Special Agent (SA) Matt Armstrong (Armstrong) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1525 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit were Special Agents Nick Valente, Allison Fletcher, Joe Goudy, John Tingley and Jesse Bynum. BCI Cyber Crimes SA William Conn also assisted the Special Investigation Unit with the initial response.

The BCI Crime Scene Unit was also requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence. Special Agents Dan Boerner, Larry Hootman, Chad Doran, Laurna McClintock and Special Agent Supervisor Ed Lula responded and processed the scene.

The shooting incident involved a subject, James Vanest, and members of the Canton Regional SWAT Team. Also present during the incident were troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Deputy Marshals from the United States Marshals Service.

The incident resulted in the death of James Vanest and the injury of a North Canton Police Officer. It occurred in Jackson Township and involved nine officers from the Canton Regional SWAT Team – five Canton Police Officers, one Massillon Police Officer, one Perry Police Officer, one Carroll County Sheriff's Office Deputy, and one Stark County Sheriff's Office Deputy.

Jackson Township Police Chief Mark Brink provided a formal request for assistance letter which has been attached to this report.



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References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2024-11-18 Request for Assistance