



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



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 Officer Involved Critical Incident - ██████████ Miami
 Township, Ohio (Montgomery Co.) (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: ██████████
Date of Activity: 02/19/2025
Activity Location: Miami Twp. (Miamisburg) Police Department – Business – 2660
 Lyons Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342
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Narrative:

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Miami Township Police Department (Montgomery County), to assist with an Officer Involved Critical Incident that occurred at ██████████ OH. The involved subject, Jayden Cole Stephenson, charged toward officers with a knife and officers fired at the subject.

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agents Lauren Frazier (SA Frazier) and Steve Seitzman (SA Seitzman) interviewed Miami Township Police ██████████ ██████████ was accompanied by Attorney Steve Lazarus and Union Representative Tyler Wilson. The interview took place at the Miami Township Police Department, located at 2660 Lyons Road, Miamisburg, OH. The interview was audio recorded and began at approximately 1810 hours.

██████████ was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the officer-involved critical incident that occurred in Miami Township, Ohio. Reportedly ██████████ did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident, which was known or observed by this officer.

██████████ has been employed by the Miami Township Police Department for about ██████████ years. He has been a police officer for a total of ██████████. During the incident, ██████████ was wearing his standard police uniform and was working ██████████ from ██████████ hours. ██████████ was equipped with a body worn camera (BWC), which he stated was operable and recording at the time of the incident. ██████████ was accompanied by Officer Morgan Spencer, who was in a field training program, during the time of this incident.

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██████████ said that he was dispatched to a disturbance, which he described as a male with a knife who was threatening his family. He said that the subject threw a vase at family members and he was threatening them. All information was relayed via radio and on their mobile in-car computer terminal.

██████████ stated that he responded from a church, where they were finishing up an auto accident report. ██████████ and Officer Spencer responded directly to the incident location, which ██████████ stated was ██████████. Once officers arrived on scene, ██████████ noticed that the family was already outside on the street. He said that Miami Township ██████████ were at the front door of the residence, attempting to make contact with the subject.

██████████ advised Officer Spencer to stay with the family. ██████████ then went to the front door to join the other officers. He said that ██████████ was equipped with a less lethal bean bag shotgun, ██████████ was armed with his taser, and ██████████ and himself were behind them with lethal cover. Officer Rankins was behind him and he can't recall what she was carrying.

██████████ was speaking with Jayden, who was in the living room, trying to get him to drop the knife. ██████████ stated this went on for a couple minutes. Jayden eventually stood up and was coming towards officers, when ██████████ red the less lethal shotgun towards Jayden, estimated to be 2-3 times. ██████████ discharged his taser, before Jayden retreated backwards, went upstairs, and locked himself in a bedroom.

All officers responded into the house. ██████████ switched to taser since ██████████ had already fired his taser, so ██████████ now had lethal cover. ██████████ maintained less lethal cover and ██████████ and Officer Rankins had lethal cover. The subject was locked inside the bedroom, so they made the decision to force entry into the bedroom by kicking down the door.

██████████ said that ██████████ said he could see Jayden's feet in the bathroom and said it looked like he was seated. ██████████ came around the corner where he could see Jayden, and he described that he saw Jayden seated with his back against the door, his feet out in front of him, and the knife still in his hands. ██████████ said that commands were being given for the subject to "drop the knife" several times. Jayden refused, and ██████████ discharged his taser, striking the subject on the right side. He said that the taser briefly took effect, before the subject stood up.

██████████ discharged an additional less lethal bean bag round towards the subject. Jayden began coming towards officers, and they gave verbal commands to "drop the knife" and "stop." ██████████ stated that ██████████ discharged their firearms, using lethal force to protect themselves and other officers. ██████████ said if the officers didn't shoot, he believes that the subject was going to stab him or another officer.

██████████ stated that the subject was initially about 6 feet away from officers. When the subject began coming towards officers, he was only 3-4 feet away when shots were fired. ██████████ stated that he heard multiple shots, but did not see the officers fire their weapons. He does not believe that any other officers fired their weapon.

██████████ said that the subject fell to the ground and they secured him in handcuffs. ██████████ said that Jayden became unconscious and they took the handcuffs off and began assessing his wounds. ██████████ began applying pressure on the wounds and Officer Rankins started cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). ██████████ also assisted with CPR. ██████████ said the he verbalized via radio that shots had been fired and requested a medic. Miami Valley Fire District responded to take over care. It is unknown what type of medical intervention was performed by medics.

██████████ stated that no statements were made by the subject during the altercation upstairs. ██████████ was not aware of any past interactions with the subject, nor recent history involving the subject. ██████████ said that he did not have any other interaction with the family or other officers, following the incident.

The interview concluded at approximately 1824 hours. The audio recorded interview is attached to this report (attachment #01).

References:

No references.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2025-02-19 / ██████████ Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.