



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



2022-2608
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Dep. Jacob Smith (W)
Date of Activity: 11/17/2022
Activity Location: Ross County Sheriff's Office – Business – 28 North Paint Street,
Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 20:20 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Jacob Smith (Smith). The interview took place at 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Smith was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the November 17, 2022 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. Reportedly, Smith 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 known or observed by this officer.

Smith stated his radio call sign on November 17, 2022, was 608. He has been employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office for about 5 months.

Smith stated he was working corrections at the Ross County Sheriff's Office and exited doors 114 & 115 into the hallway area and observed Sergeant Kocheran (Kocheran) laying on the ground with his duty weapon lying next to him. Smith added, Kocheran was moaning in pain and he could see four spent shell casings on the floor. Smith stated he did not hear any gunfire but realized there had been a shooting. Smith stated he looked out of the windows and saw an unknown subject with a gun laying in the courtyard in a pool of blood. Smith added he did not appear to be alive. Smith stated he then took cover and advised Kocheran that he was going to attempt to move him. Smith advised he attempted to pull Kocheran out of the hallway but could not. Smith stated a Chillicothe dispatcher walked into the area and Smith told him that they needed all available units to assist. Smith then observed Kocheran had a gunshot wound to the left chest. Smith advised Sergeant Gallagher (Gallagher) arrived in the area of the building and used Kocheran's firearm to hold/cover the unknown subject. Smith stated several

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other deputies and police officers arrived and secured the unknown subject and provided first aid to Kocheran. Smith advised the paramedics arrived and took Kocheran to the hospital.

The interview concluded at approximately 20:35 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 22-11-17 Jacob Smith Interview RCSO