

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



2021–0888 Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

| Investigative Activity: | Interview with Witness |
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| Involves: | Nate Johnson (W) |
| Date of Activity: | 04/21/2021 |
| Activity Location: | Johnson, Nate - Business - 5750 Maple Canyon Avenue , Columbus, OH 43229, Franklin County |
| Author: | SA Jennifer Comisford, #163 |

Narrative:

On April 21, 2021, at approximately 1403 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Jenny Comisford (SA Comisford) interviewed Firefighter/Paramedic Nate Johnson (Johnson) of the Columbus Division of Fire (CFD). The purpose of the interview was to obtain additional information regarding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on April 12, 2021, at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital (St. Ann's) involving Columbus police officers, hospital security, and a male identified as Miles Jackson (Jackson).

Johnson's interview was conducted at CFD Station 6, located at 5750 Maple Canyon Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229. The conversation was audio recorded and a copy of the recording was saved electronically within the case file. Please refer to the attached audio for complete details. The following is a summation of Johnson's voluntary interview.

It was reported that CFD personnel transported Jackson to St. Ann's on the morning of April 12, 2021, due to a suspected overdose. Later that morning, Jackson left the hospital against medical advice (AMA). A short time later, personnel with the Westerville Division of Fire transported Jackson back to St. Ann's on a suspected overdose.

Johnson has been employed by CFD for approximately one and a half years. Johnson confirmed he was onboard CFD Engine 6 on the morning of April 12, 2021. Both Engine 6 and CFD Medic 6 were dispatched between 0830 and 0930 hours that morning on report of an unconscious person involving a male later identified as Jackson. Also assigned to Engine 6 were CFD Firefighters Shane Fiddler and Seth Thompson. CFD Medic 6 was comprised of CFD Firefighters Andrew Reid and Jeremy Hamilton.

Upon arrival, Johnson observed Jackson laying outside on the sidewalk. He was unconscious at the time and did not verbally respond to CFD personnel during their assessment. Jackson's

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pupils were "tightly constricted" and Narcan was administered due to suspected opioid use. Johnson also observed what appeared to be white residue on Jackson's upper lip and a rolledup dollar bill in his pocket. Medic 6 later transported Jackson to St. Ann's.

Johnson did not recall seeing officers with the Columbus Division of Police on scene. Johnson did not observe any weapons on Jackson's person.

The interview concluded at approximately 1414 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-04-21 Paramedic Nate Johnson Interview

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