



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. Blake Weaver (W)
Date of Activity: 11/17/2022
Activity Location: – 28 North Paint St, , Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 19:35 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Blake Weaver (Weaver). The interview took place at 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Weaver 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, Weaver 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.

Weaver stated his radio call sign on November 17, 2022, was 586. He has been employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office for about 19 months. He has been a police officer for a total of 3 years.

Weaver stated that he was off duty and had just left the headquarters building/law enforcement complex when he heard a disturbance on the radio. Weaver stated he called in to dispatch and they advised him Kocheran had just been shot. Weaver advised by the time he arrived back at the law enforcement complex, Kocheran was being loaded up by emergency medical services (EMS). Weaver added that he was told by Captain Adair to escort the EMS to Adena Regional Hospital. Once at the hospital Weaver secure Kocheran's body worn camera, jacket, and the bloody clothes from the subject that engaged Kocheran. Weaver stated that he returned to the complex and stood guard of the back lot until relieved.

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The interview concluded at approximately 19:40 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 Blake Weaver Interview RCSO