



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



2024-2738

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 345 Lincoln Ave.,
Lancaster, OH 43130 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Corrections Officer Brock Vanhorn

Involves: CO Brock Vanhorn

Activity Date: 01/07/2025

Activity Location: 345 Lincoln Ave., Lancaster, OH

Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 07, 2025, at 1447 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA James Gore (SA Gore) interviewed Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Corrections Officer (CO) Brock Vanhorn (CO Vanhorn), who was accompanied by his attorney, Joe Hegedus, from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA). The interview took place at the activity location listed above. The interview was audio recorded, saved to the case file and is attached to this report.

CO Vanhorn was identified as being a corrections officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the use of force incident that occurred within the Fairfield County Jail (FCJ) involving Chad Evangelista (Evangelista). The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by CO Vanhorn.

CO Vanhorn, badge number 77, has been working for FCSO over one (1) year and has no previous law enforcement or military experience. On September 8, 2024, CO Vanhorn was working his normal shift, 0000 hours to 0800 hours with Tuesday and Wednesday's off.

CO Vanhorn advised Evangelista had been placed in the restraint chair prior to his shift. CO Vanhorn came on to shift, was requested to assist with removing the handcuffs from Evangelista and placing them in the restraint chair.

CO Vanhorn indicated around 0245 hours, [REDACTED] made the decision to remove Evangelista from the restraint chair. CO Vanhorn indicated he told Evangelista they were going to remove him from the restraint chair to let him stretch his body and lay down. When CO Vanhorn said Evangelista started to yell, "Fire!" amongst other things. CO Vanhorn advised he tried to get Evangelista to calm down as he continued to remove Evangelista from the restraint chair.

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Once Evangelista was out of the restraint chair, CO Vanhorn said Evangelista tried to run out of the cell. CO Vanhorn and CO Talbott placed Evangelista on the back wall of the cell. As they backed out of the cell, Evangelista charged towards the door and tried to escape the cell. CO Vanhorn indicated Evangelista used his body weight to push against the cell door. CO Vanhorn stated [REDACTED] used her OC spray to get Evangelista to back away, however the OC spray did not have any effect on Evangelista. The cell door was opened enough to where Evangelista was able to be pushed away by another CO. CO Vanhorn had no other interaction with Evangelista after the cell door was secured.

The interview concluded at approximately 1455 hours.

References:

None

Attachments:

1 - CO Brock Vanhorn interview

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