



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1273 Rosedale Drive, Dayton,  
OH (Montgomery Co.) (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Lieutenant David Matthews (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 10/19/2024  
**Activity Location:** – Rosedale Dr and Access Dr , Dayton, OH 45402  
**Author:** SA Steven Seitzman

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, the Dayton Police Department requested the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) in investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on the same date on Access Road near Rosedale Drive in the city of Dayton.

On the same date, at approximately 1222 hours, BCI Special Agent Steven Seitzman interviewed Dayton Police Lieutenant David Matthews regarding his involvement and observations during the OICI. Lt. Matthews was identified as a police officer who witnessed and had some level of involvement in the incident but did not discharge a firearm. Lt. Matthews confirmed the interview was voluntary. The interview was audio recorded.

The details below summarize what the author believed to be the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed.

Lt. Matthews advised that at approximately 0844 hours, Dayton police officers were dispatched to Rosedale Drive for a welfare check. The involved subject reportedly threatened to kill the person who called the police. The caller also reported that the subject attempted to burn a house down on October 18, 2024. At some point, the caller reportedly became uncooperative with dispatchers; however, a male in the background said that he would have a "shootout with the police."

Lt. Matthews advised that he responded once a "Signal 99" was dropped, which is an emergency, all-county broadcast for available officers to respond. He said the Signal 99 was broadcast once it was learned the involved subject had a gun and threatened a shootout with

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responding police officers. Lt. Matthews said he responded from the East District to the scene, which was situated in the West District.

Upon his arrival, Lt. Matthews observed officers taking cover behind various vehicles. The officers were facing Access Road. As he got closer to the scene, he observed the involved gold Buick parked on Access Road. The Buick was occupied by a Black male holding a long gun. The barrel of the long gun was pointed straight up. He also learned that officers on scene were actively talking to the subject from cover. He advised that he repositioned some of the officers to what he considered to be better positions of cover.

Lt. Matthews recalled hearing officers, who were taking cover behind a blue car, telling the involved subject multiple times to "put the gun down." He also heard the officers saying, "We're here to help you," and "We don't want to hurt you" repeatedly. During the final moments of the incident, he could hear a change in the officers' voices. He recalled the officers yelling, "Don't do it," and "Put the gun down." At that time, he saw the subject lower the barrel of the rifle, and he felt as if the barrel was pointed right at him. He took cover behind a police cruiser and heard the sound of gunfire. He estimated hearing at least 20 shots. He said he did not observe the officers firing.

Lt. Matthews said he saw the subject fall out of the car onto the ground. He then saw officers approach him, pull him away from the car, and render medical aid. He stated that an officer moved the shotgun away from the subject. The subject was then loaded into an ambulance and removed from the scene. He stated that he directed officers to put up crime scene tape. He further stated that an officer remained with the subject's shotgun.

Lt. Matthews stated that the subject's mother, father, and brother were at the scene and likely witnessed the incident.

SA Seitzman asked Lt. Matthews if he was familiar with the subject. He answered in the negative.

The interview concluded at 1238 hours. The audio recording is attached below.

#### **Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: 2024-10-19 Interview of Dayton Police Lieutenant David Matthews

# **Exhibit 1**

**Included as a separate file.**