



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



2023-0290

Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson,
OH 45640 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer, Interview with Witness

Involves: Chief Deputy. Scott Conley (O)

Date of Activity: 01/31/2023

Activity Location: – 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, OH 45640, Jackson County

Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 17:39 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) Deputy (Dep.) Scott Conley (Conley). The interview took place near 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson Ohio 45640. The interview was audio recorded.

Conley was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the January 31, 2023 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, Ohio. Reportedly, Reynolds 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.

Conley stated around noon on January 31, 2023 he received a call from his dispatch, advising of a stand-off at 1818 Jisco West Road. Conley added, upon arriving Lieutenant [REDACTED] told him he had seen the barricaded subject through a window and he had an axe and handgun. Conley stated multiple attempts were made by the sheriff's office to get the subject, later identified as William Beach (Beach), to come out of the shed. Conley stated Sheriff Tedd Frazier (Frazier) arrived on scene around this time. Conley advised Sheriff Frazier requested Ohio State Highway (OSHP) Patrol's negotiators to come to the scene and talk Beach out. Conley added they obtained a search warrant for the property and found Beach was out on house arrest for assaulting a police officer. Conley added the negotiators arrived and deployed a throw phone into the shed with Beach but he refused to cooperate.

Conley stated at that point he had deputies gear up with a ballistic shield and breach the door and back up in another attempt to get Beach to come out. Conley added

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█████ had the shield, followed by Deputy Leif Smith (Smith) on the ram, and covered by Deputy Nick Spangler (Spangler). Conley stated as soon as the door was breached he heard a gunshot and the deputies entered yelling, show me your hands and other commands then passed out a recovered firearm. Conley added that medic equipment was also immediately requested. Conley stated he believed that Beach may have shot himself, only to find out later that Deputy █████ had actually shot Beach with his duty pistol because Beach had a weapon. Conley added that aid was rendered to Beach prior to him being carried out to the waiting ambulance that had been staged in the area. Conley stated the two OSHP negotiators, Gene Fulton and Sherry Wells, roped off the crime scene with tape.

The interview concluded at approximately 17:46 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. The signed BCI Criminal Investigation Notification form is also attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-01-31 DC Scott Conley Interview