



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – 5991 S Sunbury Rd, Westerville
OH 43081

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Ofc. Connor Grubb (S)
Date of Activity: 12/04/2023
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Narrative:

On December 4, 2023, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) received an email from Kaitlyn Stephens (Stephens), legal representative of Blendon Township Police Department (BTPD) Officer Connor Grubb (Ofc. Grubb). The email contained answers to follow-up questions asked by BCI in response to a voluntary written statement made by Ofc. Grubb, who was involved in an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred at 5991 South Sunbury Road in Westerville, OH, on August 24, 2023. During the incident, Ofc. Grubb discharged his weapon in response to an encounter with an individual later identified as Ta'kiya Young (Young), who was transported to the hospital with apparent gunshot wounds and was later pronounced deceased.

The following are questions asked by BCI, and Ofc. Grubb's responses:

1. *Was Young being detained or under arrest? Was she free to leave?*

Ofc. Grubb: Young was not free to leave as she was being detained pursuant to the theft allegations from the Kroger employee. As a result of her continued refusal to comply with orders to exit her vehicle, the detention turned into an arrest.

2. *Was Young's vehicle running before you moved in front of it?*

Ofc. Grubb: When I initially stepped in front of the vehicle, I knew the vehicle was stationary and I believed the vehicle to be parked. I do not recall if the vehicle was running when I stepped in front of it.

3. *What was your purpose/reason for standing in front of the vehicle?*

Ofc. Grubb: I positioned myself in front of the vehicle for three reasons. First, to convey to Young that she was in fact being detained and not free to leave the scene. Second, to provide cover to Sergeant Moynihan, as he was positioned on the driver's side of

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the vehicle and Young was in the driver's seat. I did not know if she had access to a weapon inside the vehicle and if she did, I would need to provide lethal cover to Sergeant Moynihan. Third, with Sergeant Moynihan on the driver's side and the female on the passenger's side, as well as other civilians in the busy parking lot, the front of the vehicle was the best position from a tactical standpoint to avoid crossfire.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Follow-Up Response – BTPD Connor Grubb