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2022-2813  
Officer-Involved Critical Incident- 673 Stale Hollow Ct.

Investigative Activity: Initial Scene Response  
Activity Date: 12/12/2022  
Activity Location: 673 Stale Hollow Ct.  
Authoring Agent: SA Matt Collins, #151

**Narrative:**

On December 12, 2022, at approximately 2158 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Matt Collins (SA Collins) received a dispatch tone or call-out message in reference to an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) in Delaware County. The message further instructed agents to respond to 673 Stale Hollow Ct.

SA Collins responded and during his response, SA Collins was contacted by Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau). SAS Barbeau advised SA Collins was going to be the lead investigator or case agent. SAS Barbeau further advised SA Collins what was known at the time; it was reported Delaware County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) deputies responded to a domestic violence (DV) call at the above-mentioned address. Deputies encountered the male half of the incident, who was armed with or otherwise was in possession of an AR platform rifle. During the interaction, one known deputy discharged their firearm. SA Collins was told the involved-subject, later identified as Sean Hinton, was pronounced dead at the scene. Additional known facts were as follows; the involved-officer, not believed to be injured, was taken to a local hospital for evaluation. There were at least two witnessing officers. DCSO detectives were in the process of drafting a search warrant for the property in question. Lieutenant Passet and Captain Savage were the designated DCSO points of contact.

When SA Collins arrived, he witnessed BCI Crime Scene Unit (CSU) agents were already on scene. The scene had been secured with yellow crime scene tape, deterring access from the side-walk, up to multiple apartments units. 673 Stale Hollow was situated nearly center between two adjacent, structure sharing units.

SA Collins was provided a briefing from Captain Savage. The information was limited because no one had conducted any interviews of officers or witnesses due to the request of BCI to handle the investigation. SA Collins was able to obtain the names of the officers who were on scene during the incident or were otherwise involved. DCSO Deputy Brandon Gaunt was said to be the "involved-officer" or had otherwise discharged his weapon. DCSO Deputies Jaden Cline, Nick Ambrozich, and Tyler Conmay were said to be potential witnessing officers because they





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were on scene at the time of the incident. SA Collins was provided the name of the three civilian parties involved or otherwise present during the incident. Sean Hinton was the "involved-subject" and was deceased. Michael Hinton is the father of Sean. Kelly Hinton is the wife of the Sean. There was known to be at least one child present and SA Collins later learned there were two children present.

SA James Gore was tasked with conducting interviews with the witnessing officers who were said to be at a nearby DCSO substation. See investigative reports from SA Gore for further related to those actions.

SA John Rodriguez was tasked with conducting a neighborhood canvass, attempting to identify any unknown witnesses. See investigative reports from SA Rodriguez for further related to those actions.

SA Collins had been made aware the family (Hinton) was at a nearby address, 304 High Meadows Village Dr. Sometime after 2300 hours, SA Collins and SA Kyle Douglass (SA Douglass) went to 304 High Meadows Village Dr., in order to speak with Michael and Kelly Hinton. SA Collins approached the door and two males came to the door. One of the males, later identified as Michael Hinton, stated something to the effect of, "I'm not talking with anyone right now." SA Collins asked him his name and SA Collins too, identified himself as well, as he explained BCI's role. Michael was emotional and SA Collins told him he understood his stance given the circumstances. SA Collins told Michael he'd like to speak with him when Michael felt he was ready. The other male, standing behind Michael identified himself as Raymond Mularski [REDACTED]. Mularski stated he was a city attorney for Gahanna and a family member (brother in-law of Michael). Mularski stated he was representing or assisting the family. SA Collins asked if Kelly was there and a female, who identified herself as Kelly Hinton, came to the door. She too stated she did not wish to speak with SA Collins at the time. Again, SA Collins explained he understood. SA Collins provided a business card in order for she and Michael to contact him. SA Collins had previously been made aware Kelly wanted to get her dogs. SA Collins discussed that particular situation with them briefly. SA Collins explained, detectives/agents were in the process of attempting to get a search warrant for the property. SA Collins said he'd rather allow Kelly or Michael (or representative) to take the two dogs, rather than to call the dog warden. Michael [REDACTED] and Kelly [REDACTED] agreed and provided SA Collins their phone numbers. SA Collins and SA Douglass left the home and returned to the scene.





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SA Collins went to the DCSO south substation and met with DCSO deputy Brandon Gaunt (Dep Gaunt). Joe Hegedus was also present as Dep Gaunt's attorney and advised Dep. Gaunt was not going to be providing any statement yet. SA Collins introduced himself and explained BCI's role in the matter. SA Collins understood CSU agents had already photographed Dep. Gaunt and seized his weapons. SA Collins asked Dep. Gaunt if there was any possibility his uniform was had any damage or contained any other potential evidentiary value. Dep. Gaunt stated no. SA Collins followed-up with asking if there was any physical contact between the subject and himself during the incident and Dep. Gaunt stated no. CSU SA Chad Holcomb advised SA Collins Dep. Gaunt had reportedly only used his AR platform rifle during the incident but during a round count of Dep. Gaunt's sidearm, a single round was potentially missing, therefore SA Holcomb secured Dep. Gaunt's sidearm (Glock) as well.

At around 0054 hours, on December 13, 2022, SA Collins had been made aware a search warrant for the residence had been obtained and was/or was about to be executed by CSU. SA Collins attempted to reach both Kelly and Michael, leaving a voicemail on Michael's phone (unable to do so on Kelly's). SA Collins wished to contact the Hinton's regarding the dogs. Further, CSU agents indicated the dogs were not being a problem and therefore no further steps were necessary to remove them.

On December 13, 2022 at approximately 0240 hours, SA Collins was told the residence was going to be released. SA Collins spoke with members of the DCSO and confirmed while BCI was finished processing and DCSO being the affiant, DCSO too was releasing the home. SA Collins witnessed a DCSO deputy go to the front door of the apartment and secure it. SA Collins attempted to contact Michael Hinton and left a voicemail indicating the apartment was released and secured.

At approximately 0700 hours SA Collins received a call from Mularski, who was inquiring as to SA Collins' purpose for the phone calls to Michael the night before. SA Collins explained the purposes as indicated above. Mularski did not indicate Michael or Kelly were ready to speak with SA Collins yet, as Michael had asked Mularski to reach out to SA Collins about the phone calls.

Investigation continues, see subsequent investigative reports.