



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



2023-2008
Officer Involved Critical Incident – Terminal Road By Dayton
Airport, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Paramedic Jacob Walters (W)
Date of Activity: 08/02/2023
Activity Location: Walters, Paramedic Jacob – Business – 8705 Peters Pike, Vandalia, OH 45377, Montgomery County
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Narrative:

On Wednesday, August 2, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on August 2, 2023, between OSP Troopers and two subjects, Rodney and Elaine Helman.

On August 2, 2023, Special Agent Lauren Frazier interviewed Vandalia Fire Department Paramedic Jacob Walters. The interview was conducted at the Vandalia Fire Department and began at 1232 hours.

Walters stated that he responded as a secondary unit to assist medic units already on scene. When he arrived, he said that he observed Vandalia Paramedic Matthew Buker rendering aid to a male patient. A female patient was seen lying in the road, with aid being rendered by two police officers, who had placed a chest seal.

Walters went to assist the female patient and was told by officers that there was a gunshot wound to the middle of the female's chest and possibly an exit wound to the left side of her ribs. The chest seal had fallen off due to a large amount of blood and Walters placed another chest seal. Walters also observed a scratch/abrasion on the female's cheek. He described that the female was alert and oriented and said her name was Elaine. He also stated that she was combative and scratching at medical personnel, before being physically restrained.

Walters stated that he was assisted by Vandalia EMT Steven Wehrley (driver) and Paramedic Josh Schneider (care giver) in Vandalia Medic Unit #2. An OSP Trooper followed the squad to the hospital. During transport to Miami Valley Hospital, Walters stated that the female subject became unresponsive and stopped breathing. A bag-valve mask was used for respirations and care was taken over by hospital trauma personnel.

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The interview concluded at 1237 hours. A copy of the audio recorded interview is attached (attachment #01).

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-08-02 Paramedic Jacob Walters Audio Interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.