



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



2022-2121
Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 6463 Tara Brooke Court,
Hamilton, OH 45011 (L)

Investigative Activity: Information Provided/Obtained
Involves: Stephaun Syllas Jones (S)
Date of Activity: 10/08/2022
Activity Location: – 7700 University Drive, West Chester, OH 45069, Butler County
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On October 8, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the city of Hamilton Police Department (HPD) to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 6463 Tara Brooke Court, Hamilton, Ohio. Stephaun Syllas Jones (Jones) was a suspect in a homicide that occurred in the city of Hamilton. Jones fled in a vehicle and ultimately abandoned the vehicle in the driveway of 6322 Morris Road. Jones then ran from responding officers. HPD Officers James Leisinger (Officer Leisinger) and Bryan Bowlin (Officer Bowlin) subsequently encountered Jones near 6463 Tara Brooke Court. Officer Leisinger and Officer Bowlin discharged their department-issued AR-15 rifles, striking and critically wounding Jones. Jones was transported to the UC Health West Chester Hospital, where he ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

BCI Special Agent Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) responded to UC Health West Chester Hospital and was met in the Trauma Bay by Butler County Deputy Matt Murphy (Dep. Murphy). Dep. Murphy advised that he had assisted in rendering aid to Jones and had ridden in the ambulance with Jones. Jones had arrived at the hospital without a pulse and had been pronounced at 2100 hrs. SA Smith talked to hospital staff and learned that both Dr. Hambley (Trauma) and Dr. Wall (ER) had been working on Jones and that Dr. Hambley had pronounced the time of death.

SA Smith stood by with Dep. Murphy until the Butler County Coroner's Office arrived to take Jones. Coroner's Investigator Lovejoy documented the scene and provided those photos to SA Smith.

SA Smith observed several wounds on Jones body consistent with gunshot wounds including two on his upper back and one on his lower left side.

See attached photos below

SA Smith learned from an ER nurse that a thoracotomy had been performed on Jones along with

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cardiac massage as an attempted lifesaving measure.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Coroner Inv DSC_0003

Attachment # 02: Coroner Inv DSC_0012

Attachment # 03: Coroner Inv DSC_0010

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Exhibit 1

Exhibit 2

Exhibit 3

