

Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Investigative Report

2022-0498

Officer-Involved Critical Incident – 34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus, 43215



Investigative Activity: Case Opening Activity Date: 3/7/2022

Activity Location: 34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus, OH, 43215

Authoring Agent: SA John Butterworth

Narrative:

On Monday, March 07, 2022, at approximately 1008 hours, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Sgt Billy Duffer of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 34 E. Fulton Ave., Columbus, OH, 43215. BCI Special Agent John Butterworth (SA Butterworth) responded to assist, arriving at approximately 1149 hours. Also responding from the BCI Special Investigations Unit were Special Agents Matt Collins, Tod Fortner, James Poole, Shane Hanshaw, James Gore, and Special Agent Supervisor Kevin Barbeau. Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence.

The shooting incident involved a subject, Rayshawn Meeks, and members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit and Franklin County Sheriff's Office Facility Security Unit. The incident resulted in a gunshot wound to Meeks.

A copy of the request for assistance letter is attached to this investigative report.

Kevin Barbeau

From: Minerd, Jr., Richard D. <rdminerd@franklincountyohio.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 2:14 PM

To: Kevin Barbeau
Cc: Baldwin, Dallas L.

Subject: BCI Request for Investigation - Critical Incident - 34 E. Fulton St. Garage

Special Agent Barbeau,

Earlier this morning at around 9:40am, deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office responded to a disturbance with at least three civilians that was occurring on the 7th floor of the 34 E. Fulton St. Garage, Columbus, Franklin County. During the encounter a round was discharged from a firearm and one of the involved civilians was wounded. None of the deputies suffered significant injuries as a result.

After consultation with Sheriff Dallas Baldwin, it was decided to request the assistance of Ohio BCI as the lead investigative agency. We appreciate you and your staff's help, and please let this written correspondence serve as said official request to do so.

Thank you,

Chief Deputy Rick Minerd, MBA



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