

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



2023-2234 Officer Involved Critical Incident - Corey Andrew (S)

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Narrative:

On Friday, August 25, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to conduct an investigation regarding an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at Eastview Park in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio. During the investigation, it was learned that Sergeant (Sgt.)Kevin Wynk of the Coldwater Police Department was present at the scene but did not discharge any firearms. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Stranahan conducted an interview with Sgt. Wynk to determine his involvement. During the interview, Sgt. Wynk provided the following details.

Sgt. Wynk confirmed he is a Road Patrol Sergeant at the Coldwater Police Department. Sgt. Wynk has been in Law Enforcement since 2012. SAS Stranahan then asked Sgt. Wynk to explain his involvement in this incident.

Sgt. Wynk stated he was on duty in the Village of Coldwater and was scanning the radio traffic of the Celina Police Department. Sgt. Wynk heard a Celina officer broadcasting something over the radio. Sgt. Wynk did not recall the context of that transmission. Sgt. Wynk recalled hearing a Celina officer broadcast "shots fired." A short time later, another Celina officer was on the radio requesting dispatch to send any available back up to their location (Eastview Park). Sgt. Wynk stated he and Officer Speckman (also with Coldwater PD) responded to Eastview Park.

Upon arrival, Sgt. Wynk observed several cruisers in the parking lot with their overhead lights activated. Sgt. Wynk stated he observed two Celina cruisers parked in the parking lot and also observed another vehicle a short distance away from the Celina cruisers. According to Sgt. Wynk, the doors of the other vehicle were open. Sgt. Wynk described this vehicle as a silver SUV.

Sgt. Wynk exited his cruiser and began walking toward the scene. He observed Officer Rice holding what appeared to be an infant. Officer Rice approached Sgt. Wynk and handed off the child. Officer Rice asked Sgt. Wynk to hold the child. Officer Rice also "made mention that he hit his head. According to Sgt. Wynk, the infant was crying. A short time later, Sgt. Christopher of the Saint Mary's Police Department arrived on scene. Sgt. Wynk then handed the child off to Sgt. Christopher.

Sqt. Wynk stated he then walked over to Officer Rice and began checking him for injuries.

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Sgt. Wynk also observed other officers on scene "tending to" another male who was lying on the ground outside of the silver SUV. When asked for clarification of what he meant when he said officers were "tending to" another male, Sgt. Wynk stated it appeared those officers were attempting to provide life saving measures such as CPR.

SAS Stranahan then asked Sgt. Wynk if either of the involved officers made any statements in his presence. According to Sgt. Wynk, Officer Rice was "trying to say something." Sgt. Wynk said he told Officer Rice to calm down and to not make any statements at this point.

Sgt. Wynk stated he was wearing a Body Worn Camera during the incident. Sgt. Wynk said Coldwater PD also has dashcams in their cruisers. Sgt. Wynk stated he would assist in getting copies of their BWC footage downloaded. Sgt. Wynk was unable to provide any additional details at this time and the interview was concluded.

The interview with Sgt. Wynk was digitally recorded. A copy of that interview has been placed in this case file as well as attached to this investigative report.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Kevin Wynk Interview 8.25.23

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