

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

2023-0228



Officer Involved Critical Incident - 18697 Bagley Rd., Cleveland, OH 44130, Cuyahoga County

Investigative Activity:	SIU Initial Response
Involves:	Southwest General Medical Center
Activity Date:	January 26, 2023
Activity Location:	Southwest General Health Center
Authoring Agent:	SA Matthew Armstrong #146

Narrative:

On January 23, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Ohio Attorney General's Office Special Prosecutions Section to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the October 18, 2022, officer-involved critical incident which resulted in the death of a patient at Southwest General Health Center (SGHC). The incident involved multiple employees of SGHC and multiple officers employed by the Southwest General Police Department (SGPD).

On January 26, 2023, at approximately 1300 hours, Special Agent (SA) Matthew Armstrong (Armstrong) responded to the Southwest General Police Department (SGPD) and met with Police Chief Tristan Harker (Harker). SA Armstrong requested basic information (excluding Garrity-protected information) surrounding the incident, to include the identity of the parties involved, identity of known witnesses and a walk through of the area where the incident occurred.

During the meeting, Chief Harker provided the following information:

- The involved subject was Bryan Lee Bailey (Bailey). He was pronounced deceased after the incident by Emergency Department Dr. Mark Harris.
- Three officers of the SGPD were involved in the incident. They were:
 - o Sergeant
 - o Officer
 - o Officer
- Three SGHC employees were involved in the incident. They were
 - o Emergency Department Paramedic Juan M. Crespo
 - o Emergency Department Paramedic Brandon Mason
 - Emergency Department Nurse Jeffrey Rubel
- Four SGHC employees were identified as witnesses to the incident:
 - Emergency Department Nurse Kristine Novick
 - o Emergency Department Nurse Jessica M. Herman
 - o Emergency Department Nurse Robert Cogar

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o Patient Care Assistant Madison Hedrick

Chief Harker provided a copy of the SGPD report for the incident (Incident # 00640) but excluded the narrative reports completed by the involved officers. A copy has been attached to this report.

According to the report, the incident occurred on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, in Emergency Room (ER) #3. At 21:54:23, the police department received a call from Emergency Room staff requesting officers for a patient who was pink slipped and being aggressive with staff. The ER staff called a second time while officers were responding and reported the patient was escalating. Officers were dispatched to the incident at 21:54:49 hours and arrived at 21:55:12 hours.

Chief Harker explained Bailey was brought to the ER by ambulance. There was one surveillance camera at the ER entrance where Bailey was brought in by EMS personnel. There were no other cameras within the ER, and the police department was not equipped with body-worn cameras.

SA Armstrong requested a tour of the area where the incident occurred. Chief Harker walked SA Armstrong to the entrance where Bailey was brought into the hospital. Chief Harker and SA Armstrong then proceeded to exam room #3, where the incident occurred. Chief Harker indicated his understanding was that the incident occurred inside exam room #3. Exam room #3 was not photographed at the time of the tour as it was occupied by a patient.

Attachments:

2023-01-26 SGPD Incident Report 22-00640

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