



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



2023-0290  
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1818 Jisco West Rd, Jackson,  
OH 45640 (L)

**Investigative Activity:** Interview with Witness  
**Involves:** Trooper Brice Vickers (W)  
**Date of Activity:** 01/31/2023  
**Activity Location:** – 1818 Jisco West Road, Jackson, OH 45640, Jackson County  
**Author:** SA Ryan D. Scheiderer, #89

**Narrative:**

On January 31, 2023 at approximately 1732 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ryan Scheiderer (SA Scheiderer) obtained a recorded statement from Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Trooper Brice Vickers (Trooper Vickers) regarding the January 31, 2023 shooting incident involving members of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) and William Beach (Beach). The incident occurred at 1818 Jisco West Road in Jackson County, Ohio, and resulted in Beach being fatally shot by JCSO Lieutenant [REDACTED] (Lt. [REDACTED]). The following is a summation of the contact with Trooper Vickers and additional details can be located in the attached audio recording.

Trooper Vickers was working his normally assigned shift of Tuesday through Saturday (1400–2200) and assigned to the Jackson OSHP Post. On this date, Trooper Vickers was being transported by another trooper to the Post to retrieve his assigned cruiser. During that ride, troopers were informed by Dispatch about the incident the sheriff's office was dealing with on Jisco West Road. Once at the Post, Trooper Vickers entered his assigned cruiser and responded to assist the sheriff's office.

When Trooper Vickers arrived on scene on Jisco West Road, the sheriff's office and OSHP Sergeant Aaron Hayes (Sgt. Hayes) were already on scene and the cruisers had their emergency lights activated. There were several deputies from the sheriff's office "stacked up" near a white truck in front of the residence. Also present were investigators from OSHP, Trooper Sheri Wells (Trooper Wells) and Trooper Gene Folden (Trooper Folden), who were engaged in negotiations with a subject, later identified as Beach, inside the residence. Trooper Vickers approached Trooper Folden who explained there was a barricaded subject armed with a hatchet and a firearm inside the residence. Trooper Vickers observed a civilian, later identified as the property owner, Shawn Morgan (Morgan), on the other side of the cruisers blocking the roadway and approached him. Trooper Vickers stayed with Morgan and kept him away from the active scene.

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While dealing with Morgan, Trooper Vickers heard a “bang” which he believed was a flash–bang. Trooper Vickers then observed members of the sheriff’s office inside the residence and shortly after that, Lt. █████ exited and stated he had discharged his firearm. Members of the sheriff’s office retrieved medical supplies and retrieved Beach from the residence. An ambulance was summoned and transported Beach to the local hospital. Trooper Vickers did not enter the residence and did not personally observe what took place when members of the sheriff’s office entered the residence.

Trooper Vickers stated a reasonable person would understand that law enforcement was present during the stand–off due to the emergency lights being active on the cruisers, deputies and troopers wearing vests with visible ID panels, and active negotiations taking place with Beach. Trooper Vickers was wearing his Body Worn Camera (BWC) during the incident and it was actively recording. Trooper Vickers’ cruiser was also equipped with a camera and it was actively recording during the incident.

Trooper Vickers denied discharging his firearm during the incident. Trooper Vickers denied deploying any less lethal weapon/munition during the incident. Trooper Vickers did not take any direct enforcement action during the incident and primarily provided scene security once he arrived on scene.

The contact with Trooper Vickers concluded at 1742 hours.

**Attachments:**

Attachment # 01: Trooper Brice Vickers Audio Interview 1.31.2023