



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



2021-0888
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 500 South Cleveland Ave.,
Westerville, Ohio 43081 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Michele Severance (W)
Date of Activity: 04/12/2021
Activity Location: Westerville Police Department – Business – 29 South State Street,
Westerville, OH 43081
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Monday, April 12, 2021, at 2110 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Westerville Police Department (WPD) Officer (Ofc.) Michele Severance (Severance) Badge # 565. The interview took place at the Westerville Police Department, 29 South State St., Westerville, Ohio.

Ofc. Severance was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the April 12, 2021, Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI), which occurred in the Emergency Room (ER) area of Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. Reportedly, Ofc. Severance did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident.

Ofc. Severance, stated she was dispatched around 2:20pm to an officer in trouble radio call come out from Columbus Police Officers at St. Ann's Hospital. Ofc. Severance stated she responded and entered into the ER when she heard several shots being fired. Ofc. Severance added as she turned the corner of the ER hallway, she observed numerous St. Ann's security officers and two Columbus Police officers in front of her. Ofc. Severance added she saw a St. Ann's security officer leave the room where shots had been fired and said "Fuck" as he hit the wall and then the gurney with the deceased on it was moved to another room. Ofc. Severance stated she then performed guard duty over the subject's clothing and some spent casings until relieved.

Ofc. Severance stated that at no time did she discharge her weapon and that she was unfamiliar with the deceased, later identified as Miles Jackson.

The interview concluded at approximately 2118 hours. An audio copy of Off. Severance's interview is available for further review as an attachment to this report.

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Attachments:

Attachment # 01:2021-04-12 Officer Michele Severanve Westerville PD

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