



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
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2024-1474

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 16100 Van Aken Blvd.,
Shaker Heights, OH

Investigative Activity: Written Statement Received – Ohio State Highway Patrol

Involves: Sergeant Chris Castellanos (O)
Trooper H.J. Burgos (O)
Trooper Andre Thomas (O)
Trooper Colin Acciavatti (O)
Trooper Michael Vitullo (O)
Trooper John Beeler (O)

Activity Date: 05/20/2024

Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, Ohio 44286

Authoring Agent: SA Andrew J. Harasimchuk #170

Narrative:

On Monday, May 20, 2024, at approximately 1417 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Harasimchuk (Harasimchuk) received a written statement from Sergeant Chris Castellanos (Castellanos), of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). This written statement was completed by Sergeant Castellanos as a result of Sergeant Castellanos' May 12, 2024, involvement in assisting the United States Marshals Services (USMS) with the apprehension of De'Shawn Vaughn (Vaughn). Vaughn was the suspect in a homicide of a Euclid Police Officer. The events that took place on May 12, 2024, led to the officer involved critical incident that occurred at 16100 Van Aken Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Sergeant Castellanos' written statement and noted the following:

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hallway directly by apartment 301. I was with the entry team and had a Recon Robot to deploy if need be. Units moved up to the door to knock on apartment 301. The door opened and they encountered a female. She came out and TFO's talked with her and determined the suspect, Deshawn Vaughn was inside the apartment. They escorted the female down to other USMS personnel for questioning. I then assisted on removing tenants from the other hallway because of learning the suspect was inside the apartment. Units were giving verbal announcements as well as commands to the suspect and we heard no response. USMS TFO's then utilized a robot device to determine the suspect's location inside the apartment. There was an open bedroom door inside to the left. They were able to determine the suspect was behind a bed in the corner against the window. The window had blinds on it, and he moved blankets on the floor so we couldn't see him. Units continued with announcements but had no reaction from the suspect other than peering over the bed as well looking around from the foot of the bed at the doorway. A gun was called out from the robot operator being observed being possessed by the suspect. We then attempted to get more equipment inside the bedroom to observe the suspect. We were able to get a Recon Robot underneath the bed and would sometimes see him moving. We then utilized a UAV and when it came into the doorway, he began to shoot at the UAV. Eventually, the suspect lifted the blankets and fired a round at the Recon Robot, missed and then shot again taking it out of action. The suspect continued to shoot when we would try to get a vantage point on him. EDGE SWAT had units on the outside and they began to break out windows and try to remove the blinds from containment units. This went on for hours as USMS tried to continue negotiations and at some point, talked to the suspect by phone. After the suspect

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shot our Recon Robot, he closed the bedroom door and we could only see movement from the door handle area because there wasn't a door knob. We were able to hold from the hallway and see movement from time to time. EDGE SWAT then requested for us to utilize our ICOR Robot (larger robot) to place an explosive charge to breach the bedroom door. Units prepared a charge and eventually moved to the bedroom door. The charge was detonated and it was a positive breach. The suspect had stood the bed up along with the mattress to conceal his location from the snipers and containment units. A cursory search with robots did not locate the suspect. There was an open door which was a closet as well as a closed door which we learned later to be a bathroom. We were able to keep UAV's up to monitor his movements and had nothing. We also had to use our robot to move the door that was breached from in front of the bathroom door. Once our ICOR Robot moved the door, we were able to determine the suspect was in the bathroom. We weren't able to determine if the suspect was alive or not and eventually moved equipment towards him and had no reaction. They even sent in a K-9 with a camera and there was no reaction from the suspect. Eventually EDGE SWAT along with USMS units moved in and determined the suspect was deceased.

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On May 23, 2024, at approximately 1335 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a written statement from OSHP Trooper H.J. Burgos (Burgos). This written statement was completed as a result of Trooper Burgos' involvement in the above-mentioned incident.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Trooper Burgos' written statement and noted the following:

Eventually the suspects location was determined and Tpr. Thomas and I headed to a staging location near the suspects location as part of the entry team. A short time later we made our way to the suspects location, which was an apartment building on Van Aken Blvd in Shaker Heights. Once there, we made entry into the building, moving towards apartment 301 where the suspect was believed to be. Once at the door to apartment 301, we began knocking and making announcements. A female came to the door and stepped out. She was asked if the suspect was in the apartment and she confirmed he was.

The suspect went barricade in the apartment. During this time I held on a wall shared by the suspects apartment and the common use hallway used by other tenants. I helped evacuate residents from two apartments to safety. Helped deploy our ICOR robot, maneuver it in the apartment, monitor its cameras and used it to initiate a charge to breach the suspects bedroom door. I also assisted in building the charge that was used to breach the bedroom door.

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On May 23, 2024, at approximately 1428 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a written statement from OSHP Trooper Andre Thomas (Thomas). This written statement was completed as a result of Trooper Thomas' involvement in the above-mentioned incident.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Trooper Thomas' written statement and noted the following:

Around 11:30 Trooper Buros and I were texted in the Marshal group chat that the suspect is at 16100 Van Aken, Shaker Heights, Ohio in apartment 301. When we arrived in the area we met up with the other Marshals to come up with a plan for knocking on the suspect door. Once we came up with a plan we headed to the apartment. As I approached apartment 301, I knocked on the door and made loud announcements of "Police U.S. Marshals come to the door". A female came to the door. I told her to come out to us and she did. Someone asked her is Deshawn in there and she said yes. I continued to give announcement.

While I was giving announcements someone threw in a mini robot to find the suspect in the apartment since he didn't come to the door. Once he was found by the robot in the apartment he started shooting from inside his apartment. He shot several times before he stop shooting. The Edge SWAT Team snipers shot at the suspect at some point during his shooting and not shooting moments. While all this was going on members from the Marshal Task Force and myself waited in the hallway. I had the shield the entire time.

When the shooting stopped members from our Special Response Team, drove in one of our medium sized robot (ICOR) into the apartment. The ICOR was carrying a breaching charge. The driver of the robot drove the charge up to the closed bedroom door the suspect was behind. While the driver of the ICOR was attempting to put the charge on the door the suspect started shooting again, however that didn't prevent the ICOR operator from putting the explosive charge on the door. After the charge was placed on the door and detonated the shooting stopped. Our mini robot could see inside the room. No one saw any movement.

The mini robot went inside the room and saw the suspect laying on the floor in the bathroom in the bedroom. Breaching shotgun rounds were used on the front door to get the door out of the way. A plan was developed to go into the apartment halfway to try to get a better angle on the suspect. Once we were inside the apartment a police K-9 went into the room the suspect was in. The K-9 sniffed the suspect then was pulled out of the room by the K-9 handler. We suspected the suspect was deceased but weren't sure. Myself and about six other members of the Task Force approached the bedroom door. Someone threw a flashbang in the bathroom. We saw no movement from the suspect after the flashbang. We made entrie into the bedroom. One of the task force members pulled Mr. Vaughn out of the bathroom. He was deceased from what appeared to be a self inflicted gun shot wound to the head.

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On May 24, 2024, at approximately 0731 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a written statement from OSHP Trooper Colin Acciavatti (Acciavatti). This written statement was completed as a result of Trooper Acciavatti's involvement in the above-mentioned incident.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Trooper Acciavatti's written statement and noted the following:

While enroute to the apartment I heard over the radio that the suspect had fired a volley of rounds at officers. No officers were struck. Upon arrival at the scene, I was asked to get the ICOR robot set up and to fly our DJI M30T (our exterior drone) up to the suspects window, which was shot out by wood baton round from EDGE SWAT, and see what I could see inside the room. I put the drone up and attempted to see inside the apartment. It was too dark to see inside the apartment and I put the drone down. EDGE SWAT was able to make a larger hole in the window blinds, large enough for me to fly the smaller interior DJI Avata drone into the apartment. I flew the Avata into the apartment and observed the suspect laying on the side of bed with a handgun next to him with an extended magazine inserted. The suspect sat up and swatted the drone out of the air. The drone crashed and the suspect covered it with a piece of clothing.

A plan was made to place an explosive breach charge on the bedroom door, where the suspect was at. We were going to be utilizing the ICOR robot to place and initiate the breach charge. Trooper Vitullo and Trooper Burgos where tasked with making the charge and I was tasked with operating the ICOR and placing the charge. Once the charge was made and the robot was in the hallway outside the apartment. Permission was given for us to enter the apartment with the ICOR robot, with the charge attached, and attempt to breach the bedroom door. I drove the robot into the apartment and attempted to place the charge. The hallway the bedroom door was at was narrow and at a bad angle. When I placed the charge on the door, the charge fell across the door and leaned on to the door next to the bedroom door. While I was placing the charge, EDGE SWAT was providing distractions with flash bangs, directed fire and less lethal foam baton rounds. I drove the robot back into the hallway and the decision was made to initiate the charge as it was. Trooper Vitullo took command of announcements and safety at the apartment and Trooper Burgos initiated the charge from the robot controller. The charge initiated and the bedroom door was breached. A drone was flown into the room and the suspect was not located and could not be seen. I drove the robot back into the room to attempt to located the suspect. There was a closed door in the room, that we believed led to a small

led to a small bathroom. I used the ICOR robot to push the door to the bathroom open as much as possible. The door would not open all the way, it seemed to me that something was blocking it. The door was open approximately one foot. With the camera on the robot, I could see the suspect's hand. He did not appear to be moving. A flash bang was introduced the room and there was no movement of the suspect. A K9 was sent into the room and the suspect did not move. Eventually it was decided that the entry team was going to make entry and confirm the suspect was either dead or unconscious. The entry team entered the apartment and determined that the suspect was deceased, from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The suspect was pulled from the bathroom and secured.

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On May 24, 2024, at approximately 0731 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a written statement from OSHP Trooper Michael Vitullo (Vitullo). This written statement was completed as a result of Trooper Vitullo's involvement in the above-mentioned incident.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Trooper Vitullo's written statement and noted the following:

Shortly after arriving I brought equipment up to the third floor where the target apartment was, APT 301. I brought a Scout Recon Robot, a DJI AVATA UAV (Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle), and a rifle rated shield along with me. The rifle shield was placed in the hallway outside of the corner apartment (301) against the wall of the suspect's apartment to shield the units in the hall. The suspect was inside the apartment and refusing to come out, but there was a line of communication by phone being established with negotiators outside. I began using the Scout robot to try and get a look at the suspect. The US Marshals had a robot on the inside and told me the suspect was hiding between the bed and the wall in the corner of the bedroom at the rear of the apartment. This room was on the two side of the building, to the East. I entered the room, went underneath the bed and watched the suspect moving around. I saw the suspect picking up a bottle of what appeared to be a bottle of Patron Tequila and setting it back down. He did this at least once that I saw. I had a limited view under the bed, but could see he was wedged between the bed and the wall. I did not want the suspect to take the robot or break it so I stayed away from being out in the open. Because our view was limited I gave the recon control to Sergeant Castellanos and I started using the UAV for a better view. I flew the UAV into the apartment, and from the hallway I got a view of the suspect sitting up in the corner of the bedroom with his back up against the wall near the headboard. I saw a shiny reflection off of something in front of the suspect and then I saw a muzzle flash and heard a gun shot being fired. Moments later there was another muzzle flash and I heard another gun shot fired. It appeared the suspect was shooting at the UAV but in the direction of the team in the hallway. I moved the UAV so that it would not be shot and so that rounds would not make it into the hallway and possibly hit one of the officers in the hallway. I backed the UAV up in the hallway away from the door and maintained a view of the doorway. Shortly after this the suspect shot the Recon Scout Robot and it no longer worked. The suspect then closed the door to the bedroom and we could not get anymore equipment to monitor him inside the room.

EDGE Swat arrived shortly after this. I talked to Dave Carpenter from EDGE and I explained that we could build an explosive charge to remove the door to the bedroom and initiate it from our robot. He asked that we start building it and getting it ready. Trooper Burgos and Myself built a 78" long 75 Grain Rigid Linear charge and attached it to the ICOR robot. Trooper Acciavatti drove the robot into the apartment with the charge and attempted to place the charge on the door. I assumed the position of command and control over the charge for safety at the apartment door and Trooper Burgos was in place to initiate the charge at the robot controls. While the charge was being placed EDGE units were creating a distraction with flash bangs and 40 mm Less Lethal rounds directed at the window where the suspect was. While attempting to place the charge, the charge fell over, and was on an angle between two doors at the end of the hallway. We could not recover the charge with the robot so we backed the robot up and initiated it where it fell. The overpressure of the charge positively breached both doors at the end of the hallway and we regained access to the suspects bedroom.

Shortly after this we wanted to remove the main door into the suspects apartment so there was no issue with the door being in the way of the hallway to the bedroom. a team moved up to the door along with myself to remove the door. I used a breaching shotgun and fired 7 rounds directed at the hinges of the door and we were able to remove the door successfully. Once the door was removed i entered the room again using the UAV and was attempting to locate the suspect. He was no longer visible in the bedroom. During the distraction and breach the suspect flipped the bed up against the window of the apartment to block the view from the outside. I relayed that the suspect could only be in between the mattress and the box spring or behind a closed door that we believed was a bathroom based on other apartment layouts we walked through. Ultimately the robot operated by Trooper Acciavatti was able to push the bathroom door open and see the suspect's hand near the ground. After seeing that the suspect's hand did not move for several minutes, an entry team moved into the apartment secured it and called for a medic for the suspect.

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On June 3, 2024, at approximately 1324 hours, SA Harasimchuk received a written statement from OSHP Trooper John Beeler (Beeler). This written statement was completed as a result of Trooper Beeler's involvement in the above-mentioned incident.

SA Harasimchuk reviewed Trooper Beeler's written statement and noted the following:

May 12th I responded to the address of 16100 Van Aken Boulevard Apartment 301 Shaker Heights, Ohio. I was called here to assist with the attempted apprehension of Deshaun Vaughn. I arrived on scene at approximately 12:30pm and made my way upstairs where I met with Sergeant Chris Castellanos from OSHP SRT. I remained here, with the immediate arrest team for the duration of the standoff. I assisted with tactical decision making and introducing different tools to assist in a safe and peaceful resolution. There were numerous times where Vaughn could be heard and sometimes seen via drone or recon robot footage shooting his pistol and taking up a defensive position within a bedroom in the apartment.

Law enforcement and negotiators continued to create a dialogue with Vaughn throughout the entire event, encouraging him to surrender peacefully. After Vaughn was discovered by our ICOR robot, I made entry into the apartment with the entry team and cleared the kitchen and living room area. Once Vaughn was taken into custody I began collecting our equipment to clean it up and secure from the scene.

A copy of all written statements received from members of the OSHP were added as Attachments #1-6 to this report. It is recommended that the reader of this report review all OSHP written statements in their entirety.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Written Statement from OSHP Sergeant Castellanos
2. Written Statement from OSHP Trooper H.J. Burgos
3. Written Statement from OSHP Trooper Andre Thomas
4. Written Statement from OSHP Trooper Colin Acciavatti
5. Written Statement from OSHP Trooper Michael Vitullo
6. Written Statement from OSHP Trooper John Beeler

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On May 12, 2024 at 1115 hours, I was responding to the Cleveland area to assist with the USMS Cleveland Office on a case where the suspect fatally shot a Euclid officer in the late hours of May 11th. While I was responding, USMS were able to get a location for the suspect in Shaker Heights, at 16100 Van Aken Blvd, Apt. 301. They were getting units in containment positions as well as sending in undercover officers in to determine where the apartment was in the building. Entry units were staging at a library in the area of the target address. Once all units were present, we departed for the Van Aken address. We entered the building through the front door and moved up to the 3rd floor. We tried to make contact with other apartments to evacuate the tenants before we made contact on the hallway directly by apartment 301. I was with the entry team and had a Recon Robot to deploy if need be. Units moved up to the door to knock on apartment 301. The door opened and they encountered a female. She came out and TFO's talked with her and determined the suspect, Deshawn Vaughn was inside the apartment. They escorted the female down to other USMS personnel for questioning. I then assisted on removing tenants from the other hallway because of learning the suspect was inside the apartment. Units were giving verbal announcements as well as commands to the suspect and we heard no response. USMS TFO's then utilized a robot device to determine the suspect's location inside the apartment. There was an open bedroom door inside to the left. They were able to determine the suspect was behind a bed in the corner against the window. The window had blinds on it, and he moved blankets on the floor so we couldn't see him. Units continued with announcements but had no reaction from the suspect other than peering over the bed as well looking around from the foot of the bed at the doorway. A gun was called out from the robot operator being observed being possessed by the suspect. We then attempted to get more equipment inside the bedroom to observe the suspect. We were able to get a Recon Robot underneath the bed and would sometimes see him moving. We then utilized a UAV and when it came into the doorway, he began to shoot at the UAV. Eventually, the suspect lifted the blankets and fired a round at the Recon Robot, missed and then shot again taking it out of action. The suspect continued to shoot when we would try to get a vantage point on him. EDGE SWAT had units on the outside and they began to break out windows and try to remove the blinds from containment units. This went on for hours as USMS tried to continue negotiations and at some point, talked to the suspect by phone. After the suspect

shot our Recon Robot, he closed the bedroom door and we could only see movement from the door handle area because there wasn't a door knob. We were able to hold from the hallway and see movement from time to time. EDGE SWAT then requested for us to utilize our ICOR Robot (larger robot) to place an explosive charge to breach the bedroom door. Units prepared a charge and eventually moved to the bedroom door. The charge was detonated and it was a positive breach. The suspect had stood the bed up along with the mattress to conceal his location from the snipers and containment units. A cursory search with robots did not locate the suspect. There was an open door which was a closet as well as a closed door which we learned later to be a bathroom. We were able to keep UAV's up to monitor his movements and had nothing. We also had to use our robot to move the door that was breached from in front of the bathroom door. Once our ICOR Robot moved the door, we were able to determine the suspect was in the bathroom. We weren't able to determine if the suspect was alive or not and eventually moved equipment towards him and had no reaction. They even sent in a K-9 with a camera and there was no reaction from the suspect. Eventually EDGE SWAT along with USMS units moved in and determined the suspect was deceased.



Sergeant Chris F. Castellanos

Ohio State Highway Patrol Special Response Team TL/USMS TFO

On 05/12/2024 at approximately 0440 hours, I received a call on my work phone from Sgt. Beeler. He advised that a Euclid Police Officer had been shot and killed in the line of duty and that we were assisting to locate the suspect. He advised that Tpr. Acciavatti and himself were assisting the United States Marshal Service and sitting surveillance on a house and that they would need relieved. I immediately put on my uniform, got in my patrol car and advised my dispatch that I would be enroute to the Euclid Police Department. Shortly after I arrived at the police department, Tpr. Thomas arrived as well.

Sgt. Beeler and Tpr. Acciavatti met Tpr. Thomas and I at the police department and gave us a briefing of the about the situation. They gave us an address to a house in Euclid for us to sit surveillance. The house was the home of a known associate of the suspect. Sgt. Beeler and Tpr. Acciavatti then cleared, and Tpr. Thomas and I began surveillance of the house. We watched the house for several hours and did not see any signs of the suspect.

Eventually the suspect's location was determined and Tpr. Thomas and I headed to a staging location near the suspect's location as part of the entry team. A short time later we made our way to the suspect's location, which was an apartment building on Van Aken Blvd in Shaker Heights. Once there, we made entry into the building, moving towards apartment 301 where the suspect was believed to be. Once at the door to apartment 301, we began knocking and making announcements. A female came to the door and stepped out. She was asked if the suspect was in the apartment and she confirmed he was.

The suspect went to barricade in the apartment. During this time I held on a wall shared by the suspect's apartment and the common use hallway used by other tenants. I helped evacuate residents from two apartments to safety. Helped deploy our ICOR robot, maneuver it in the apartment, monitor its cameras and used it to initiate a charge to breach the suspect's bedroom door. I also assisted in building the charge that was used to breach the bedroom door.

Tpr. H.J. Burgos U-1811

Ohio State Highway Patrol Special Response Team



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STATEMENT

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I, Andre Thomas, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Akron Post on _____

On May, 12, 2024 I was called out and dispatched to a the city of Euclid around 05:00, for an officer envolved shooting. We were assisting Cleveland United States Marshal Service with finding susect Deshawn Vanghn who shot and killed an officer. When I arrived in Euclid myself and Trooper Burgos waited at the suspect girlfriend house to report if the suspect was spotted at the home.

Around 11:30 Trooper Buros and I were texted in the Marshal group chat that the suspect is at 16100 Van Aken, Shaker Heights, Ohio in apartment 301. When we arrived in the area we met up with the other Marshals to come up with a plan for knocking on the suspect door. Once we came up with a plan we headed to the apartment. As I approched apartment 301, I knocked on the door and made loud anoucments of "Police U.S. Marshals come to the door". A female came to the door. I told her to come out to us and she did. Someone asked her is Deshawn in there and she said yes. I continued to give annoucement.

While I was giving annoucments someone threw in a mini robot to find the suspect in the apartment since he didn't come to the door. Once he was found by the robot in the apartment he started shooting from inside his apartment. He shot several times before he stop shooting. The Edge SWAT Team snipers shot at the suspect at some point during his shooting and not shooting moments. While all this was going on members from the Marshal Task Force and myself waited in the hallway. I had the shield the entire time.

When the shooting stopped members from our Special Response Team, drove in one of our medium sized robot (ICOR) into the apartment. The ICOR was carrying a breaching charge. The driver of the robot drove the charge up to the closed bedroom door the suspect was behind. While the driver of the ICOR was attempting to put the charge on the door the suspect started shooting again, however that didn't prevent the ICOR operator from putting the explosive charge on the door. After the charge was placed on the door and detonated the shooting stopped. Our mini robot could see inside the room. No one saw any movement.

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REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>[Signature]</i>	UNIT 0720	DATE 5/23/2024	

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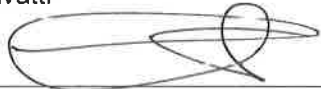
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I, Colin Acciavatti, hereby make this voluntary statement to
BCI at Akron Post on
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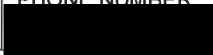
On 5/12/2024 at approximately 1318 hours, I was called to assist the Cleveland USMS and EDGE SWAT with a barricade in Shaker Heights. The suspect was wanted for the shooting and killing of a Euclid Police officer the night before. The suspect was held up in a third story apartment and had already fired rounds at the USMS and OSHP SRT members already on scene. I was asked to get our equipment truck, which had our ICOR robot. I retrieved the equipment truck and went to the scene. While enroute to the apartment I heard over the radio that the suspect had fired a volley of rounds at officers. No officers were struck. Upon arrival at the scene, I was asked to get the ICOR robot set up and to fly our DJI M30T (our exterior drone) up to the suspects window, which was shot out by wood baton round from EDGE SWAT, and see what I could see inside the room. I put the drone up and attempted to see inside the apartment. It was too dark to see inside the apartment and I put the drone down. EDGE SWAT was able to make a larger whole in the window blinds, large enough for me to fly the smaller interior DJI Avata drone into the apartment. I flew the Avata into the apartment and observed the suspect laying on the side of bed with a handgun next to him with an extended magazine inserted. The suspect sat up and swatted the drone out of the air. The drone crashed and the suspect covered it with a piece of clothing.

A plan was made to place an explosive breach charge on the bedroom door, where the suspect was at. We were going to be utilizing the ICOR robot to place and initiate the breach charge. Trooper Vitullo and Trooper Burgos where tasked with making the charge and I was tasked with operating the ICOR and placing the charge. Once the charge was made and the robot was in the hallway outside the apartment. Permission was given for us to enter the apartment with the ICOR robot, with the charge attached, and attempt to breach the bedroom door. I drove the robot into the apartment and attempted to place the charge. The hallway the bedroom door was at was narrow and at a bad angle. When I placed the charge on the door, the charge fell across the door and leaned on to the door next to the bedroom door. While I was placing the charge, EDGE SWAT was providing distractions with flash bangs, directed fire and less lethal foam baton rounds. I drove the robot back into the hallway and the decision was made to initiate the charge as it was. Trooper Vitullo took command of announcements and safety at the apartment and Trooper Burgos initiated the charge from the robot controller. The charge initiated and the bedroom door was breached. A drone was flown into the room and the suspect was not located and could not be seen. I drove the robot back into the room to attempt to located the suspect. There was a closed door in the room, that we believed led to a small

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led to a small bathroom. I used the ICOR robot to push the door to the bathroom open as much as possible. The door would not open all the way, it seemed to me that something was blocking it. The door was open approximately one foot. With the camera on the robot, I could see the suspect's hand. He did not appear to be moving. A flash bang was introduced the room and there was no movement of the suspect. A K9 was sent into the room and the suspect did not move. Eventually it was decided that the entry team was going to make entry and confirm the suspect was either dead or unconscious. The entry team entered the apartment and determined that the suspect was deceased, from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The suspect was pulled from the bathroom and secured.

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I, Trooper Michael Vitullo, hereby make this voluntary statement to BCI at Akron Post on On 5-23-2024.

On May 12, 2024 I responded to a call out for the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Special Response Team (SRT). SRT already had units that were working with the US Marshals, since the early morning, and they were on scene at the time I was called. I was aware they were looking for a suspect from a shooting of a Euclid Police Officer. I arrived at the scene at 1244 hours in Shaker Heights and had been monitoring radio traffic on the way there. I was aware that a female had come out of the apartment and said the suspect was inside and alone.

Shortly after arriving I brought equipment up to the third floor where the target apartment was, APT 301. I brought a Scout Recon Robot, a DJI AVATA UAV (Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle), and a rifle rated shield along with me. The rifle shield was placed in the hallway outside of the corner apartment (301) against the wall of the suspect's apartment to shield the units in the hall. The suspect was inside the apartment and refusing to come out, but there was a line of communication by phone being established with negotiators outside. I began using the Scout robot to try and get a look at the suspect. The US Marshals had a robot on the inside and told me the suspect was hiding between the bed and the wall in the corner of the bedroom at the rear of the apartment. This room was on the two side of the building, to the East. I entered the room, went underneath the bed and watched the suspect moving around. I saw the suspect picking up a bottle of what appeared to be a bottle of Patron Tequila and setting it back down. He did this at least once that I saw. I had a limited view under the bed, but could see he was wedged between the bed and the wall. I did not want the suspect to take the robot or break it so I stayed away from being out in the open. Because our view was limited I gave the recon control to Sergeant Castellanos and I started using the UAV for a better view. I flew the UAV into the apartment, and from the hallway I got a view of the suspect sitting up in the corner of the bedroom with his back up against the wall near the headboard. I saw a shiny reflection off of something in front of the suspect and then I saw a muzzle flash and heard a gun shot being fired. Moments later there was another muzzle flash and I heard another gun shot fired. It appeared the suspect was shooting at the UAV but in the direction of the team in the hallway. I moved the UAV so that it would not be shot and so that rounds would not make it into the hallway and possibly hit one of the officers in the hallway. I backed the UAV up in the hallway away from the door and maintained a view of the doorway. Shortly after this the suspect shot the Recon Scout Robot and it no longer worked. The suspect then closed the door to the bedroom and we could not get anymore equipment to monitor him inside the room.


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EDGE Swat arrived shortly after this. I talked to Dave Carpenter from EDGE and I explained that we could build an explosive charge to remove the door to the bedroom and initiate it from our robot. He asked that we start building it and getting it ready. Trooper Burgos and Myself built a 78" long 75 Grain Rigid Linear charge and attached it to the ICOR robot. Trooper Acciavatti drove the robot into the apartment with the charge and attempted to place the charge on the door. I assumed the position of command and control over the charge for safety at the apartment door and Trooper Burgos was in place to initiate the charge at the robot controls. While the charge was being placed EDGE units were creating a distraction with flash bangs and 40 mm Less Lethal rounds directed at the window where the suspect was. While attempting to place the charge, the charge fell over, and was on an angle between two doors at the end of the hallway. We could not recover the charge with the robot so we backed the robot up and initiated it where it fell. The overpressure of the charge positively breached both doors at the end of the hallway and we regained access to the suspects bedroom.

Shortly after this we wanted to remove the main door into the suspects apartment so there was no issue with the door being in the way of the hallway to the bedroom. a team moved up to the door along with myself to remove the door. I used a breaching shotgun and fired 7 rounds directed at the hinges of the door and we were able to remove the door successfully. Once the door was removed i entered the room again using the UAV and was attempting to locate the suspect. He was no longer visible in the bedroom. During the distraction and breach the suspect flipped the bed up against the window of the apartment to block the view from the outside. I relayed that the suspect could only be in between the mattress and the box spring or behind a closed door that we believed was a bathroom based on other apartment layouts we walked through. Ultimately the robot operated by Trooper Acciavatti was able to push the bathroom door open and see the suspect's hand near the ground. After seeing that the suspect's hand did not move for several minutes, an entry team moved into the apartment secured it and called for a medic for the suspect.

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I, John Beeler, hereby make this voluntary statement to Ohio BCI at 4781 Hinckley Industrial Parkway on May 12th I responded to the address of 16100 Van Aken Boulevard Apartment 301 Shaker Heights, Ohio. I was called here to assist with the attempted apprehension of Deshaun Vaughn. I arrived on scene at approximately 12:30pm and made my way upstairs where I met with Sergeant Chris Castellanos from OSHP SRT. I remained here, with the immediate arrest team for the duration of the standoff. I assisted with tactical decision making and introducing different tools to assist in a safe and peaceful resolution. There were numerous times where Vaughn could be heard and sometimes seen via drone or recon robot footage shooting his pistol and taking up a defensive position within a bedroom in the apartment.

Law enforcement and negotiators continued to create a dialogue with Vaughn throughout the entire event, encouraging him to surrender peacefully. After Vaughn was discovered by our ICOR robot, I made entry into the apartment with the entry team and cleared the kitchen and living room area. Once Vaughn was taken into custody I began collecting our equipment to clean it up and secure from the scene.

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