

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



2024-4082 Officer Involved Critical Incident - (L) 303 S. Main St., Celina, Ohio

Investigative Activity: Attempt to Locate/Contact, Evidence Collection

Involves: Mercer County Sheriff's Office (O), Dep. Spencer Heinl (S)

Date of Activity: 12/31/2024

Activity Location: Mercer County Sheriff's Office – Business – 4835 St. Rt. 29, Celina,

OH 45822

Author: SA Ryan Emahiser, #36

Narrative:

On December 31, 2024, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Ryan Emahiser responded to the Mercer County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) following being dispatched to respond to the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 303 S. Main St., Celina, Ohio. Upon arriving at the MCSO SA Emahiser made contact with Captain Megan Baker (Baker), who advised that the involved Deputy Sheriff (DS) Spencer Heinl (Heinl) was present at the MCSO and that his involved firearm was secured in a department lockbox until it was able to be seized by BCI.

SA Emahiser asked to make brief contact with DS Heinl to make an introduction and ask a few basic questions. Captain Baker brought DS Heinl to the conference room, and SA Emahiser advised DS Heinl that BCI would be conducting a criminal investigation of the OICI and that at a later date BCI Agents would conduct an interview with DS Heinl related to the incident. SA Emahiser advised DS Heinl that he could have an attorney present for the interview if he wished.

DS Heinl advised that his unit number is 5440, and that he drives MCSO cruiser #40. DS Heinl also added that he is a K9 officer and stated that his K9 was not deployed during the incident.

SA Emahiser asked DS Heinl how his involved 9mm Glock 45 arrived to be secured in the MCSO lockbox and DS Heinl advised that his supervisor accompanied him to the MCSO and upon arrival his assigned Glock 45 was secured in the lockbox. DS Heinl advised that his supervisor kept the lockbox key after being secured and provided the lockbox key to Captain Baker. SA Emahiser, DS Heinl, and Captain Baker went to the lockbox and Captain Baker opened the lockbox at SA Emahiser's request. Upon opening the lockbox, the Glock 45 was out of battery with the slide locked back, and the 17 round capacity Glock magazine loaded with thirteen (13) 9mm rounds. SA Emahiser asked DS Heinl if he cleared the Glock 45 upon

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their securing it in the lockbox. DS Heinl said that he cleared the live round from the chamber and placed the round into the partially loaded Glock 17 round capacity magazine.

DS Heinl advised that he did not use any additional Glock magazines that were on his duty belt. SA Emahiser counted the live rounds in the Glock magazine and 13 live rounds were found in the magazine. SA Emahiser photographed the involved Glock 45, and magazine with remaining 13 live rounds. DS Heinl's Glock 45 was equipped with a Holosun red dot sight and Streamlight TLR-1 tactical rail flashlight, and the Glock 45 serial number is the involved Glock 45, magazine, and thirteen (13) 9mm rounds was placed into an evidence box and sealed. Captain Baker was provided with a property receipt form for the seized items, and a copy of the property receipt form is attached to this report and case file for review. On the property receipt SA Emahiser wrote that the live rounds were 45 ACP, however they are 9mm rounds as described above.

SA Emahiser also took photos of DS Heinl in his uniform that he was wearing when the OICI occurred, and DS Heinl was equipped with a replacement department MCSO issued Glock 45 at the time the photos were taken.

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All photos taken are attached to this report and case file for review, the photos were taken with Axon Capture and are also retained in Axon evidence.

SA Emahiser provided DS Heinl with a business card and advised DS Heinl that contact would be made to conduct an interview in the near future. At that time the contact was concluded.

Attachments:

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Attachment # 01: Spencer Heinl Duty Weapon Property Receipt Seizure

Attachment # 02: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_06_38_27

Attachment # 03: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_07_06_04

Attachment # 04: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_07_03_41

Attachment # 05: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_07_00_58

Attachment # 06: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_07_00_48

Attachment # 07: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_07_00_31

Attachment # 08: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_06_38_32

Attachment # 09: Spencer_Heinl_uniform_and_service_weapon_2024-12-31_07_10_48
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Inventory/Receipt Attachment



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