



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



2022-2608
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 28 North Paint St., Chillicothe
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Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Dep. Josh Morrison (W)
Date of Activity: 11/17/2022
Activity Location: Ross County Sheriff's Office – Business – 28 North Paint Street,
Chillicothe, OH 45601, Ross County
Author: SA Andrew Russell

Narrative:

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 21:04 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Russell (SA Russell) interviewed Ross County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) Deputy (Dep.) James (Josh) Morrison (Morrison). The interview took place at 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. The interview was audio recorded.

Morrison was identified as being a police officer who witnessed and/or had some level of involvement in the November 17, 2022 officer-involved shooting which occurred in the area of 28 North Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio. Reportedly, Morrison did not discharge a firearm during the course of the incident. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by this officer.

Morrison stated his radio call sign on November 17, 2022 was 565. He has been employed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office for about 2 years. He has been a police officer for a total of 23 years.

Morrison stated that he responded to the radio dispatch of all staff for officer down. Morrison advised that when he arrived Corrections Officer Smith, unknown deputies, and police officers had started to give first aid to Sergeant Eric Kocheran who was lying on the floor. Morrison stated he saw a hole in Kocheran's chest and knew he had been shot. Morrison advised the medics arrived quickly and transported Kocheran. Morrison added that he held the door to the courtyard open for the medics to enter/leave through and at that time he saw the unknown subject laying on the ground. Morrison added medics gave him Kocheran's eyeglasses and radio, which he provided to Captain

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Max Adair. Morrison stated he then returned back to his regular duties.

The interview concluded at approximately 21:08 hours.

The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording was attached to this report. Please see the attachments for further details.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 22-11-17 James (Josh) Morrison Interview RCSO