



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



2022-1564
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1132 Ashwood Drive, South
Charleston, OH (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Calvin Burch (W)
Date of Activity: 08/10/2022
Activity Location: Burch, Calvin – Business – 130 N Fountain Ave, Springfield, OH
45502, Clark County
Author: SA Kenneth J. Smith, #53

Narrative:

On July 24, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested to investigate an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that took place at 1132 Ashwood Drive, South Charleston, Clark County. During the OICI, Deputy Matthew Yates was shot and killed by the involved subject, Cole White. This occurred after White had killed his mother, Jodie Arbuckle. Multiple agencies and SWAT teams responded and attempted multiple rescue attempts of Deputy Yates. During the standoff the mobile home caught fire and White was killed in the fire.

On August 10, 2022 at 1214 hours, BCI Special Agents Richard Ward (SA Ward) and Kenneth Smith (SA Smith) interviewed Springfield detective and SWAT team member Calvin Burch (Det. Burch) regarding his involvement in the OICI. The interview was conducted at the off site, SWAT training facility in Springfield. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device.

The details below summarize the pertinent portions of the recorded interview and are not a verbatim account. Further, this report was placed in a chronology to aid the reader's overall understanding of the information elicited during the interview and may not be reflective of the actual sequencing of questions. It is suggested that the full audio recording be reviewed to clarify the content of the interview.

Det. Burch has been with the Springfield Police Department for seven years and has been on the SWAT team for four years. His role on SWAT is generally handling chemical and less lethal munitions.

On July 24, 2022, he was off duty at home when he received the alert message on his phone. Det. Burch responded directly to the scene at around noon and rode to the command post with one of the Springfield SWAT negotiators. He met with Capt. Michael Kranz and began shuttling

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supplies to the other team members. He assisted in pulling unnecessary personnel away from the scene.

Det. Burch eventually made his way to the MRAP at the front of the trailer. He assisted in making the plan to extract Dep. Yates (Det. Burch was part of Springfield SWAT's second attempt to extract Dep. Yates). He and two OSP SRT members made their way around the neighborhood to help cover the trailer and brief Greene County (Det. Robert Swihart) on the plan. He returned to the MRAP with the team led by Ofc. Eric Fleming and was assigned to get hands on Dep. Yates. The gas and flashbangs were deployed and the entry team moved up to the house. The shields were set and Det. Burch saw a fire near the refrigerator. He grabbed Dep. Yates, who was facedown, and was assisted by another team member in getting Dep. Yates out the door and to cover the house, just north of the target trailer. Dep. Yates was placed on a stretcher and taken away by Clark County's armored vehicle.

Det. Burch then went back to the trailer and linked up with his team. The trailer became fully engulfed and the perimeter team had to move back twice. Det. Burch helped maintain perimeter on the trailer. Det. Burch did not deploy any less lethal or fire his weapon.

The interview was concluded at 1227 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-08-10 / Det. Calvin Burch

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.