



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



2022-1190
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 1551 Meadowlark Lane,
Marysville, Ohio 43040 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: James Mitchell (W)
Date of Activity: 05/30/2022
Activity Location: Union County Sheriff's Department – Business – 221 W Fifth St,
Marysville, OH 43040, Union County
Author: SA Perry K. Roeser, #114

Narrative:

On May 30, 2022, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) received a Request for Assistance from the Marysville (Ohio) Police Department, Chief Tony Brooks, regarding an Officer-Involved Critical Incident (OICI) at 1551 Meadowlark Lane, Marysville, Ohio. The involved subject, Matthew Todhunter (Todhunter), was shot multiple times and did not survive the law enforcement contact. Life-saving measures were attempted at the scene (in the middle of the roadway) by law enforcement before emergency medical services arrived. Special Agent (SA) Perry Roeser learned Union County Deputy James Mitchell (Mitchell) rendered aid to Todhunter. SA Roeser located and interviewed Mitchell at the Union County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office is located at 222 W. 5th Street, Marysville, Ohio.

At 2202 hours, SA Roeser met with Mitchell for a voluntary interview in a conference room within the sheriff's office. Mitchell explained he began his employment with the sheriff's office in March of 2018, assigned to uniform patrol. Mitchell was in the traditional black uniform of the day and carried a Glock 9mm pistol with a standard duty belt. Before his current assignment, Mitchell stated he had some previous law enforcement experience with smaller departments. Mitchell also had a Body-Worn Camera (BWC) attached to the front of his body armor at the incident time. SA Roeser asked Mitchell if the BWC was active at the time of the incident. Mitchell said the BWC was turned on after Todhunter was loaded into the medic. Mitchell explained when he exited his cruiser at the scene; he "bumped" the wrong button to activate the camera. Mitchell stated their BWC policy states they only turn on the camera when they have contact with the public.

Mitchell was asked what time and how he became involved with the OICI. Mitchell said he was not sure what time the incident started, but while at headquarters doing paperwork with his trainee (Deputy Jarman), Deputy Matejko (Matejko) announced, "we have to go; there is a person with a gun call." Mitchell said before he and his partner (Jarman) arrived on the scene, they

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heard shots fired over the radio. When they arrived at the scene, Mitchell said he saw several Marysville police officers on scene and rendering aid to Todhunter on the ground and witnessed Matejko walking in his direction, away from the scene. Mitchell said he asked Matejko if he was okay. Mitchell said he continued walking toward Todhunter on the ground. Mitchell said he encountered a blonde female with a red shirt trying to get into Todhunter's pickup truck. Mitchell noted a Marysville police officer was ordering her out of the scene. Mitchell said he helped escort the female away from the area and could not recall what the female said while not complying with lawful orders. Mitchell said he then turned his attention toward Todhunter and assisted with life-saving measures. Mitchell said Todhunter had a tourniquet on his arm and blood exiting the abdomen area. Mitchell said he used medical gauze to help stop the blood flow. Mitchell said Todhunter had a strong pulse while on the ground. Mitchell said Marysville Fire and Rescue arrived at the scene and took over care of Todhunter.

After Todhunter was removed from the scene, he handed out written statements to individuals he noticed. Mitchell said he and Jarman were relieved of duty at the location, returned to headquarters, and awaited instructions. The interview with Mitchell concluded at 2215 hours.

The interview between SA Roeser and Mitchell was audio-recorded and can be reviewed for additional details. See attachment #1 for a copy of the audio recording.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2022-05-30 / Deputy James Mitchell Interview

Attachment # 02: 2022-05-30 / Deputy James Mitchell 2nd interview

Exhibit 1

Included as a separate file.

Exhibit 2

Included as a separate file.