



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



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Officer Involved Critical Incident – (L) 303 S. Main St., Celina,
Ohio

Investigative Activity: Interview with Witness
Involves: Issac Daniel (W)
Date of Activity: 01/22/2025
Activity Location: Celina Police Department – Business – 202 N. Main Street, Celina,
OH 45822
Author: SA Douglas Burke

Narrative:

On Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 1:41 p.m. Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Douglas Burke (Burke) and SA Ryan Emahiser (Emahiser) interviewed Celina Police Department (CPD) Cadet (Cadet) Isaac Daniel (Daniel), who was accompanied by his attorney, Andrew Fortlage (Fortlage) from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The interview took place in a CPD Conference Room at 202 N. Main St., Celina, OH. The interview was digitally recorded.

Cadet Daniel was identified as being a Cadet who witnessed the December 31, 2024, Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) which occurred in the area of Dockside's Marathon Gas Station, 303 S. Main St., Celina, Ohio. Reportedly, Cadet Daniel 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.

Cadet Daniel has been employed by CPD for less than six (6) months as he is currently enrolled in the Police Academy at Wright State University Lake Campus in Celina, OH. Cadet Daniel wore his standard police academy uniform of the day and was riding with Patrolman (Ptl.) Kyle Balthis (Balthis) in CPD unit #222, a Ford Expedition, marked with CPD emblems and emergency lights. He considered himself to be well-represented as a Cadet Police Officer during the incident.

Upon beginning the interview with Cadet Daniel, he read his typed narrative from the OICI which is attached to this report for review. Attorney Fortlage was also present as this prepared narrative was read aloud to Agents.

Supplemental Narrative 01/02/2025 07:36:48 Isaac Daniel

Statement of Isaac Daniel Incident on 12/31/2024

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Approved By SAS Scott A. Stranahan on
01/30/2025

I was riding with Ptl. Balthis on 12/31/2024 when we were dispatched to 303 South Main Street, Marathon gas station.

Dispatch stated a male was sitting in the caller's vehicle, attempting to take it. We arrived at the Marathon and began talking to the vehicle owner, who was the caller. He advised that a male in a dark puffy coat, later identified as Moses Alik, was sitting in the driver seat of his vehicle when he had exited the store. Ptl. Balthis then took a brief statement from the caller, who indicated Moses wasn't acting right and seemed to be under the influence of some sort of intoxicant, by stating "he was jacked out of his mind." Ptl. Balthis then asked him to stay at the gas station as we patrolled the area, looking for Moses.

While patrolling the area, Sgt. Crosby informed Ptl. Balthis that he was going to patrol the area and asked Ptl. Balthis to return to the gas station to take a full report from the caller. While gathering the caller's report and information the gas station clerk came outside and informed Ptl. Balthis that they had the incident on camera. We walked inside to review the footage and saw the suspect on camera showing him currently behind the gas station holding a knife to his neck.

At this time Ptl. Balthis radioed to dispatch and Sgt. Crosby that the suspect was behind the gas station with a knife. Ptl. Balthis then exited the gas station and unholstered his duty weapon and began giving commands to the suspect, ordering him to drop his knife. During the incident I remained on the north eastern corner of the building about 30 yards from the suspect.

While Ptl. Balthis was ordering Moses to drop the knife, he stabbed himself in the left side of his neck multiple times. At this time Sgt. Crosby arrived in the north west alley behind the gas station, armed with his taser. Deputy Heintz arrived behind the gas station from the south with his duty weapon unholstered. Moses then dropped the knife as Sgt. Crosby tased him and all three officers began moving in, trying to secure Moses and the knife. Ptl. Balthis was directing Deputy Heintz to join in on him. During this time Moses's movements were very sporadic and irregular.

While being tased Moses attempted to pick up the knife while being ordered not to. Moses failed to pick the knife up the first time and was tased again. Officers were still moving in while attempting to secure him. During his second attempt Moses was able to pick up the knife and swing it around. At this time officers began backing up and continued to order him to drop the knife. Moses turned towards Deputy Heintz with his knife raised and began approaching him. Deputy Heintz then fired 4-5 rounds at Moses, who then dropped the knife and fell to the ground.

Ptl. Balthis then secured the knife and holstered his duty weapon. Sgt. Crosby and Deputy Heintz also secured their weapons and began handcuffing Moses. After he was handcuffed Sgt. Crosby and Ptl. Balthis began applying first aid to Moses, while Deputy Heintz went to his cruiser to get his med kit. I asked officers if I could assist in any way, and Ptl. Balthis asked me to retrieve gloves from the trunk of his cruiser. I was unable to locate any.

After removing his jacket Ptl. Balthis began to apply pressure to Moses's left hip as it was

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actively bleeding. EMS was dispatched and arrived shortly after. When EMS arrived, Moses was unhandcuffed so the paramedics could better assist him. EMS worked on Moses and then set him on the gurney and loaded him into the squad to stabilize him before transportation. Paramedics aided Moses in the squad on scene for a short time before transporting him to Coldwater hospital. At this time, I remained around Ptl. Balthis' cruiser while officers secured the scene. End.

SA Burke had a few follow-up questions for Cadet Daniel regarding the OICI after reading this typed narrative of the OICI.

SA Burke asked Cadet Daniel due to his employment status, did he have on his person any lethal, or less lethal weapon, or Body Worn Camera (BWC) during the OICI. Cadet Daniel stated due to his Cadet status and not being a sworn Law Enforcement Officer, he did not. Cadet Daniel stated he was not familiar with Moses prior to the OICI, and did not hear Moses make any comments during or after the OICI such as "kill me" or "I want to die."

SA Burke asked Cadet Daniel if Moses appeared to be under the influence of any alcohol or drugs during this incident. Cadet Daniel said Moses definitely seemed to be under the influence of some sort of drug due to his "sporadic" movements and response to the officer's commands were "off" and "odd." SA Burke asked Cadet Daniel if he felt Moses was approaching Dep. Heintz in an aggressive manner just prior to Dep. Heintz engaging Moses with his firearm and Cadet Daniel explained, "yes." Cadet Daniel believed Moses posed a serious threat to Dep. Heintz and the other officers due to Moses having the knife over his head (head level) and approached Dep. Heintz rather quickly. It should be noted, Cadet Daniel explained he observed Moses stabbing himself on the left side of his neck, and stated if Moses was stabbing himself, Moses would not have a problem stabbing anyone else including officers.

Due to Cadet Daniel's status with CPD, SA Emahiser asked where he had been located during the OICI Incident. Cadet Daniel stated he had been standing outside on the northeast corner of the lot of Dockside's Marathon Gas Station building and observed the entire OICI. Cadet Daniel stated the only time he approached officers was after Dep. Heintz engaged Moses with his firearm and Moses was on the ground being handcuffed by officers. Cadet Daniel said he assisted the officers with the First Aid being administered to Moses prior to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) from Celina Fire Department (CFD) arriving.

Cadet Daniel had no further relevant information to add to this interview and the interview concluded at approximately 1351 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: Interview with Issac Daniel