



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



2023-3023

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 6235 Hathaway Rd., Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio 44125

Investigative Activity: Case Opening Report

Activity Date: 11-14-2023

Authoring Agent: Special Agent Joseph Goudy #83

Narrative

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by Chief Mark Kaye of the Garfield Heights Police Department (GHPD) to conduct an independent investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting which occurred at 6235 Hathaway Road, Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. BCI Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Special Agent (SA) Joseph Goudy responded to assist. Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Jon Lieber, SA Cory Momchilov, and SA Andy Harasimchuk also responded from the Special Investigations Unit to assist.

Additionally, the BCI Crime Scene Unit was requested to process the scene by documenting and collecting pertinent evidence. The shooting incident involved a subject, Benard Russell (Russell), and two members of the Garfield Heights Police Department. The incident resulted in the death of Russell. He was transported to Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights for additional life saving measures. It was later learned that Russell died shortly after they arrived at the hospital.

A copy of the "Request for Assistance" letter from Garfield Heights Police Chief Mark Kaye is attached to this report.

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MARK KAYE
CHIEF OF POLICE

GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



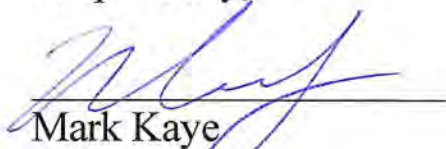
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November 14th, 2023

RE: Request for Investigation

I am requesting that the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigate the Officer-Involved shooting that occurred in Garfield Heights on 11/14/2023 (Report # [REDACTED]).

Respectfully,


Mark Kaye
Chief of Police

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