



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



2023-1809
Officer Involved Critical Incident – 3110 E. Livingston Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43227 (L)

Investigative Activity: Interview with Officer
Involves: Deputy Scott Rambardan (W)
Date of Activity: 07/09/2023
Activity Location: Columbus Police Substation 11/12 – 950 E. Main St., Columbus,
OH 43205, Franklin County
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Narrative:

On July 8, 2023, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) was requested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Division of Police to investigate an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred at 3110 E. Livingston Ave., in Columbus, Ohio (Franklin County), between Columbus Division of Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Antwan Lindsey.

On July 9, 2023, Franklin County Deputy Scott Rambardan was interviewed regarding his involvement related to the OICI. The interview was recorded on a handheld digital recording device. This report is a summary only. The entire interview can be reviewed on the recording. The interview was conducted by Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent Ken Smith at the Columbus Division of Police Substation 11/12 at 950 E. Main Street, Columbus. The interview began at approximately 0024 hours.

Deputy Rambardan has been a Deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for approximately 10 years and is currently assigned to road patrol on second shift from 1500–2300 hours. On July 8th, Deputy Rambardan was working different hours to include overtime from 1100–0300. He stated he was wearing a black shirt with black uniform pants, an outer vest carrier with equipment and was clearly marked with a 'Deputy' badge and Franklin County Sheriff's Office patches. Deputy Rambardan had both a Body Worn Camera as well as cruiser camera and both were operational and functioning during the incident.

Deputy Rambardan was at lunch when he heard the shots fired call on the radio. He responded lights and sirens and arrived at the scene within five to seven minutes. Once at the scene he parked at James and Livingston. He retrieved his patrol rifle and moved towards 3110 E. Livingston. He joined other officers from Columbus PD and deputies against the front wall of the building. Deputy Rambardan said there was confusion as to whether or not they were going

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to make entry on the building. He personally was unaware that there were already officers in the building. As he was walking up to join a stack at the front entry door he heard a volley of shots from inside, maybe 20 shots. He observed some officers come up the stairs from inside to the landing. The officers outside were told by a Columbus PD officer to make a hole for the medics so they could get in.

Deputy Rambardan then joined a group of officers and deputies who went around the outside of the building to the rear where he observed medics and officers providing medical aid to a subject. He then began knocking on doors and attempting to get residents to evacuate the first floor of the building. He observed many shell casings on the ground inside the building.

Deputy Rambardan observed several IDs on the ground near where the subject was located before being removed by medical personnel. The information was run over the radio on FCSO LEADS channel from an Ohio ID which came back to a Lindsey subject.

Deputy Rambardan then stood by outside until directed to the substation for BCI Interviews.

The interview was concluded at 0032 hours.

Attachments:

Attachment # 01: 2023-07-09 Interview of FCSO Deputy Rambardan